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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The High Cost Of Travel

YESTERDAY most ships plying lines with services to the Far East announced the second big increase in passenger fares in three months. In the case of one first class fare from Hongkong to the United Kingdom, this means a total increase of about £75 on the basic rate charged prior to the imposition of the 20 per cent surcharge in November. There can be little complaint with the surcharge because it was designed to cover extra costs incurred in rerouting ships around the Cape because of the Canal blockade.

But the latest increase, decided by member lines of the Far East Passenger Conference, is announced without any explanation. Perhaps there are good reasons for it, but at the time of writing they were not known to local shipping agents and travel service officials contacted yesterday by this newspaper. It is to be hoped some explanation is forthcoming and one that is more detailed than the bald statement that it is because of higher operating or fuel costs.

THE first question that must be asked is: will the original fares charged prior to the Suez surcharge be restored once the Canal is cleared and opened to normal traffic? The announcement by the Far Eastern Passenger Conference suggests that the new "gross basis" rates apply only to voyages via the Cape.

Many firms with employees on Home contracts will want to know the answer before making future travel arrangements. Even now because of the surcharge, at least one big British firm and Government are sending many employees Home by air—as one travel official put it yesterday: "Government has become airborne since the Suez crisis."

This trend may be expected to continue unless early assurances are given. A comparison of air and ship fares shows that it will be possible to travel Home by tourist class plane for about £70 less than a single first class fare by ship to the United Kingdom (and up to £100 on a return ticket)—to say nothing of the saving in bar bills and travelling time by air.

PROTAGONISTS of sea travel may argue that class for class sea fares are still lower than air fares and that only last November air fares between here and the United Kingdom and the Continent were increased (e.g. HK-UK 1st class £278-£305) but the very small difference that is likely when the new ship fares come into operation in March will probably be more than counteracted by the fact that "class" in air travel is a much smaller consideration than on ships—this on top of other advantages of rapid transportation for a man on long leave.

Not all shipping lines servicing Hongkong are members of the Far East Passenger Conference, but their fares may be increased to some extent. Others which are members will not charge the maximum rate of increase which appears to be about 19 per cent on top of the Suez surcharge, making 39 per cent in all. But the effect of any increase can only be detrimental—and to some extent permanently so—to passenger shipping lines servicing the Far East. It is not enough, however, to deplore the rising costs of sea travel or to point out cheaper alternatives. Some assurance is required that once the Suez Canal is opened to normal traffic ship fares will return to their former levels. An early announcement by major shipping lines or the Far East Passenger Conference would be most welcome.

# Conditions For Settlement Of Mid-East Dispute ISRAEL'S 5-POINT PROPOSALS Guarantees For Freedom Of Shipping

Jerusalem, Jan. 23. Mr David Ben Gurion, Israeli Prime Minister, today offered to withdraw his country's forces from the coast of the Gulf of Aqaba if freedom was guaranteed to her shipping.

Israel would also withdraw her troops from the Gaza strip, but would continue to police it, and intended to develop it economically for the benefit of the population, he told the Knesseth (Parliament).

"The restoration of Egyptian influence—directly, by the return of the Egyptian army, or indirectly upon the entry of a United Nations force—is likely to block and eliminate all constructive prospects, and the strip would revert to lawlessness, to its own misfortune and that of adjacent areas," he said.

Mr Ben Gurion appealed to the United Nations to demilitarise the Sinai Desert, which he said Israel had almost entirely evacuated. It should not again be allowed to become a "springboard for aggression," he said.

Israel occupied the areas concerned during the four-day offensive against Egypt at the end of October and early November. Under a UN General Assembly resolution, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General, has to report by Friday on Israel's "complete withdrawal" from the Sinai.

Mr Ben Gurion's declaration that Israel will not withdraw her forces from the Gulf of Aqaba until international agreements assure freedom for Israeli shipping there is certain to raise a storm when the United Nations General Assembly resumes debate, probably next Monday.

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THE Western nations all voted for last Saturday's resolution because they believed that Israel must withdraw "completely," but many expressed the view that the government of Israel had a right to expect that neither the Gaza strip nor the approaches to the Gulf of Aqaba should be used for anti-Israeli action.

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## BUDAPEST POLICE SWOOP ON GROUP

London, Jan. 23. Budapest police have arrested a group of counter-revolutionaries, and have found two loaded pistols in a place where the group met, the Hungarian news agency MTI said tonight.

The news agency said the chief of the group was Mr. Gabor Foly, a journalist. It said that in 1946 he was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude for counter-revolutionary activities, and for taking part in a plot against the State. Released provisionally from prison in 1953, he took part in the fighting in October and November last year, the agency said.

USE CHILDREN It added that after the uprising had been put down Mr Foly "pursued" his counter-revolutionary activities, publishing leaflets, some of which were found where he was arrested.

MTI said that Mr Sándor Vasvári, another member of the group was released from prison during the revolution, and with other group members took part in the fighting. It added: "Foly, whose group has been organising children against the people, aged 10 and 12, to supply him with information on the Hungarian military units."

It added: "The boys agreed to bring him the information and look for arms." "The boys have been returned to the care of their parents, and members of the group will be tried by the special tribunal."—Reuter.

## Hunt For Killer "Cat"

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 23. A British planter and rangers were tonight stalking a man-eating tiger through jungle after it made three attacks on a rubber estate near Bentong. A 12-year-old Chinese girl, Lam Fong, mauled yesterday by the tiger, died in hospital at Bentong today.

The previous day the tiger entered the home of the planter, Mr D. I. Davidson, formerly of Woodford, Northamptonshire, but was beaten off by a champion English-bred pointer dog, sending her puppy.

The tiger struck again this afternoon on the estate and savaged a calf, near the spot where the girl was attacked. Following an urgent appeal by Mr Davidson, who manages the estate, the Pahang game warden Mr A. K. Robinson made a 150 mile dash from Kuantan to join the hunt.—China Mail Special.

## Liberation March

Karachi, Jan. 23. The West Pakistan Christian Zamindars Labour League today announced plans for a peaceful campaign for the "liberation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir" beginning on March 15 with a demonstration march across the ceasefire line into Indian-held Kashmir.

## More Questions On HK Housing

London, Jan. 23. Mr John Profumo, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, told the House of Commons today that no proposals had been made to acquire more land on the Chinese mainland to relieve the housing shortage in Hongkong. He was replying to a question by Mr John Rankin, Labour member, who also said the housing situation in Hongkong was such that it was impossible to solve it within the existing boundaries and new territory must be found.

Mr Profumo said housing was required in places of employment, adding: "Your suggestion would not relieve the shortage of money and staff, which are the serious obstacles in overcoming shortage of houses."—Reuter.

## RUSSIA'S WAR WARNING TO AMERICA'S ALLIES

Moscow warned the United States' allies today that they might become the first victims of any atomic war if they permitted the stationing of US atom-armed units on their soil.

The official Soviet news agency Tass specifically singled out for warning Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Turkey, Iran and Japan.

Tass said the United States was courting "an outbreak of atomic war" if it went through with reported plans to set up such atom bases in Western Europe, the Middle East or the Far East.

The chief victims of atomic counter-blows would be the nations which allowed such US units to be stationed on their territory, the news agency said.

## US "Design"

It said the US was planning to set up the atomic bases abroad in "a step aimed at removing from the USA the main retaliatory blow in the event of the unleashing of atomic war."

It warned the United States that any such action would lead to "most serious consequences." The Tass statement said: "The question concerns the intention of the US government to make use of territories for foreign States where US military bases are situated for the preparation of atomic war."

"The US government already finds it impossible to conceal this intention," asserted Tass. It said the American government was trying to deceive the American public and other nations by representing the step as "a measure against possible aggression."

"There is no doubt that this step of the US government intensifies the threat of an outbreak of atomic war," Tass said.

"One cannot fail to see also that it is a step aimed at removing from the USA the main retaliatory blow in the event of the unleashing of atomic war by US reactionary circles."

It said the US was "thus placing under the first threat of a retaliatory atomic blow the peoples of Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Turkey, Iran, Japan and other countries on the territories of which it is planned to station special US atomic detachments."

"Leading circles of the USSR are confident the peoples of all countries which are being drawn by the USA into their plans for preparation of atomic

## Poisoned Liquor GOVT TO TAKE ACTION

Government is to introduce legislation to prevent the use of methyl alcohol—a very dangerous poison—in the preparation of liquor intended for human consumption.

A Bill to this effect, which amends the provisions of the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, will be introduced at the next meeting of Legislative Council, the Public Relations Officer announced this morning. Government's intention to bring the distribution and sale of methyl alcohol under control was foreshadowed at the Legislative Council meeting last December 5 by the Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr A. G. Clarke, when he introduced a Bill amending the Ordinance, the effect of which was to put on liquor dealers the onus of showing that they carried no stock of adulterated liquor.

Mr Clarke then said that it was proposed to bring the distribution and sale of methyl alcohol itself under the strictest controls.

The new amending legislation, said the Public Relations Officer, has been designed to have this effect.

## NO SURVIVORS

Perpignan, Jan. 23. Nine bodies were tonight removed from the wreckage of the French military plane which crashed last night in the Pyrenees, just inside the Spanish border, near Carpal, while flying from Algiers to Toulouse.

The victims, whose names were not disclosed, were believed to be mainly officers.

There were no survivors.—France-Press.

## TAYLOR, TODD TO WED

New York, Jan. 23. Address Elizabeth Taylor and producer Mike Todd said today they will be married.

The date, they said, depends upon a conference with their lawyers to determine exactly when her divorce decree from actor Michael Wilding becomes final.

The couple were interviewed at International airport before their departure for Mexico City. Miss Taylor will re-appear in Acapulco from an operation for a ruptured spinal disc. She spent eight and one-half weeks in Harlingen Pavilion here.

Miss Taylor told reporter: "You can say that there is no doubt about us getting married." Todd, holding her hand, chimed in, "I don't even like that word."—United Press.

## Plane Disaster

Managua, Jan. 23. Sixteen persons were feared killed when a Nicaraguan commercial plane crashed on the slopes of the Concepcion volcano in Ometepe Island, shortly after noon today.—United Press.

## Huge Warehouse Demolished

Oakland, Calif., Jan. 23. A gas explosion and fire today demolished a two-story, block-square warehouse here, killing at least two persons and injuring at least four others.

At least two firemen were overcome by smoke while battling the blaze, which caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000. The explosion was caused when plumbers installing overhead industrial gas air heaters on the ground floor apparently uncapped an open gas line.—United Press.

## Fine Salvage Job

London Jan. 24. The last of the Anglo-French salvage force is leaving Port Said early today after completing the tasks allocated to it by the United Nations, the Admiralty announced here.

The Admiralty statement said the clearance of Port Said has been effected with "remarkable speed and efficiency and has been a unique operation in the history of the Royal Navy."

Between November 7 and January 23, the Anglo-French salvage force has removed 13 wrecks weighing a total of 17,000 tons, the Admiralty said.—China Mail special.

## Powers- For Sandys

London, Jan. 23. Greatly extended powers will be given to the new British Defence Minister, Mr Duncan Sandys, informed political circles said in London tonight.

Political circles said it is expected that the new minister, who is a son-in-law of former Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, will have the right of direct access to the Prime Minister, without first consulting his Cabinet.—France-Press.

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## "Get Out" Request To UNEF Possible

Cairo, Jan. 23. Egypt may ask the United Nations Emergency Force to leave its territory in case the United Nations fails to take sanctions against Israel for failure to withdraw from Sinai and Gaza, political observers said today.

Highly placed sources said that President Gamal Abdel Nasser would dispatch last-minute instructions tonight to Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi, outlining Egypt's plans. Fawzi, who is heading Egypt's United Nations delegation, is scheduled to ask the General Assembly tomorrow to impose sanctions on Israel for failure to pull out in five days in conformity with an Assembly resolution, voted last Saturday.

Egypt's agreement with the UNEF on November 12 stipulated that the UNEF should withdraw immediately when requested to do so by the Egyptian authorities, observers said.—France-Press.

## VITAL 8 WEEKS AHEAD

Cairo, Jan. 23. An authoritative Egyptian editor and personal friend of President Nasser of Egypt said today that the next eight weeks would be "the gravest period in the history of the Middle East."

Writing in the weekly newspaper Akher Sa'a, Hassanain Helikal said much hinged on Israel's compliance with UN resolutions on withdrawal from Egyptian territory.

"If Israel were to resort to procrastination or attempts to derive gains from her aggression, then events would take a different turn."

## CANAL REOPENING

He added that if Israel withdrew "there would be every hope for re-opening the Suez Canal for normal shipping by next March."

He emphasized, however, that there would have to be "some sort of close agreement on the conditions of resumption."

Helikal said Egypt would insist on all British and French ships paying their Canal tolls

in future to Egypt and not to the former Suez Canal Company.—United Press.

## Defeats Drunkometer With 20 Tots Of Whisky

Miami, Jan. 23. William C. Rose, a 230-pounder, belted down 20 shots of whisky in Court today, trying to prove that drunkometers are all wet, and walked out boasting that he was "as sober as the judge."

The Judge, Francis Sobieski, took the case under advisement and said he hoped to rule on Friday on whether Rose was actually too drunk to drive when arrested last

week on the basis of a 240 drunkometer reading.

Rose, six-foot, retired real estate man, knocked off a pint and a quarter of 80-proof whisky in his marathon effort to reach a 240 reading on the drunkometer, but could only get to 122 after the 20 shots.

He said when he was arrested that he had "only seven or eight drinks."

Court experts gave the ex-Navy officer a final series of

tests to determine whether he was in full possession of his faculties after he quaffed the whisky.

He was judged "normal" in walking a straight line, standing on one leg and touching his knees. But the experts said defendant showed a "marked deficiency" in such reaction tests as braking (a car) time, night driving and glare activity.

He was 30 per cent better than

his "sober" test, however, in depth perception.

In the midst of Rose's efforts to run the drunkometer reading to 240, a dishevelled little man was brought into the courtroom by officers to be given a drunkometer test before charging him. With one blast of his bellows, he shot the indicator to 300.

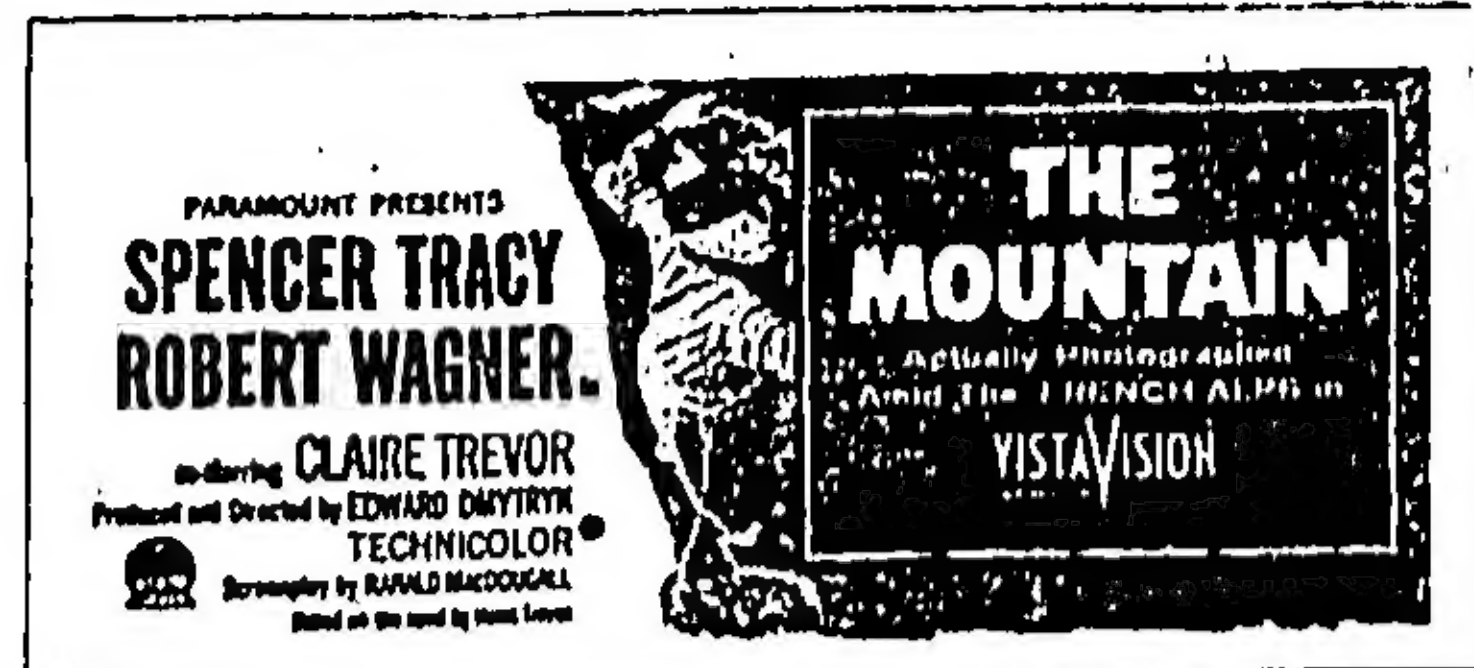
"Wow," cried Rose, "so sure and clean cut that thing. I don't want that to influence my reading."—United Press.



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## REDS Spread Over 5 Years

London, Jan. 23.  
 Britain will provide up to £20 million during the five years until 1961 to help the Federation of Malaya meet the Communist emergency, Secretary for Scotland John MacLay told the House of Commons today.

In a written answer for the Colonial Secretary, MacLay said nine million sterling would be an outright grant in three equal instalments from 1957 through 1959. A review in 1960 would determine how much of the balance would be needed in 1960-1961.

MacLay said a cash grant of 7.5 million sterling would be provided in the five-year period towards the cost of expanding Malaya's armed forces together with grants-in-kind of military equipment valued at about 5.5 million sterling.

He said a cash grant for development purposes would also be granted equivalent to the unspent balance of the Federation's Colonial Development Fund at the date of independence.

## Chinese Voters

A Labour Member, Mr Stan Aubrey, asked what provision was made for the 2,250,000 Chinese in the Federation of Malaya to vote at elections and what plans were being considered for their future enfranchisement.

MacLay, a former Minister of State for the Colonies, told him that any Chinese over 21 years of age who were citizens of the Federation and who had lived in a constituency for the previous six months may register there as voters.

Future qualifications for the franchise would be studied by the Constitutional Commission for the Federation whose report was awaited. — United Press & Reuters.

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## N-POWER RESEARCH FOR SHIPS

London, Jan. 23.  
 A considerable effort is now being made to develop nuclear power for use in British surface vessels and submarines, Mr Reginald Maundling, Paymaster General, told the House of Commons today.

It was being undertaken by the Atomic Energy Authority, the Admiralty and the British Shipbuilding Research Association, he added in reply to a question.

Admiralty scientists and naval officers had been working with the staff at Harwell, the research station, for some years on the study of various types of nuclear power plant best suited to marine application, the types of fuel required, health and safety factors and operating costs.

The British Shipbuilding Research Association had had a team for some time engaged in studying the development of nuclear propulsion of merchant vessels.

The small research reactor Lido at Harwell was being used for studying shielding problems, which were among the major design problems in marine propulsion. — China Mail Special.

# Yemen Alleges Attacks In Own Country

London, Jan. 23.

British charges that trouble on the Yemeni-Aden frontier has been due to raids and attacks by Yemeni tribesmen on British Aden Protectorate territory were vigorously denied in a statement by the Yemeni legation today.

The statement, the latest exchange in the diplomatic war of charge and countercharge between Britain and the Red Sea Arab State, which has accompanied the recent frontier tension, criticised a reply to a question given yesterday in the House of Commons by Mr John MacLay, former Colonial Office Minister of State.

Mr MacLay, now newly appointed Minister for Scottish Affairs, said in a written reply to a parliamentary question "these incidents have been taken the form of raids and attacks by Yemeni tribesmen supported in some cases by Yemeni troops."

## Against Yemen

The Yemeni Legation today denying this charge said "on the contrary the attacks were made by the British forces and aircraft against Yemeni towns and villages."

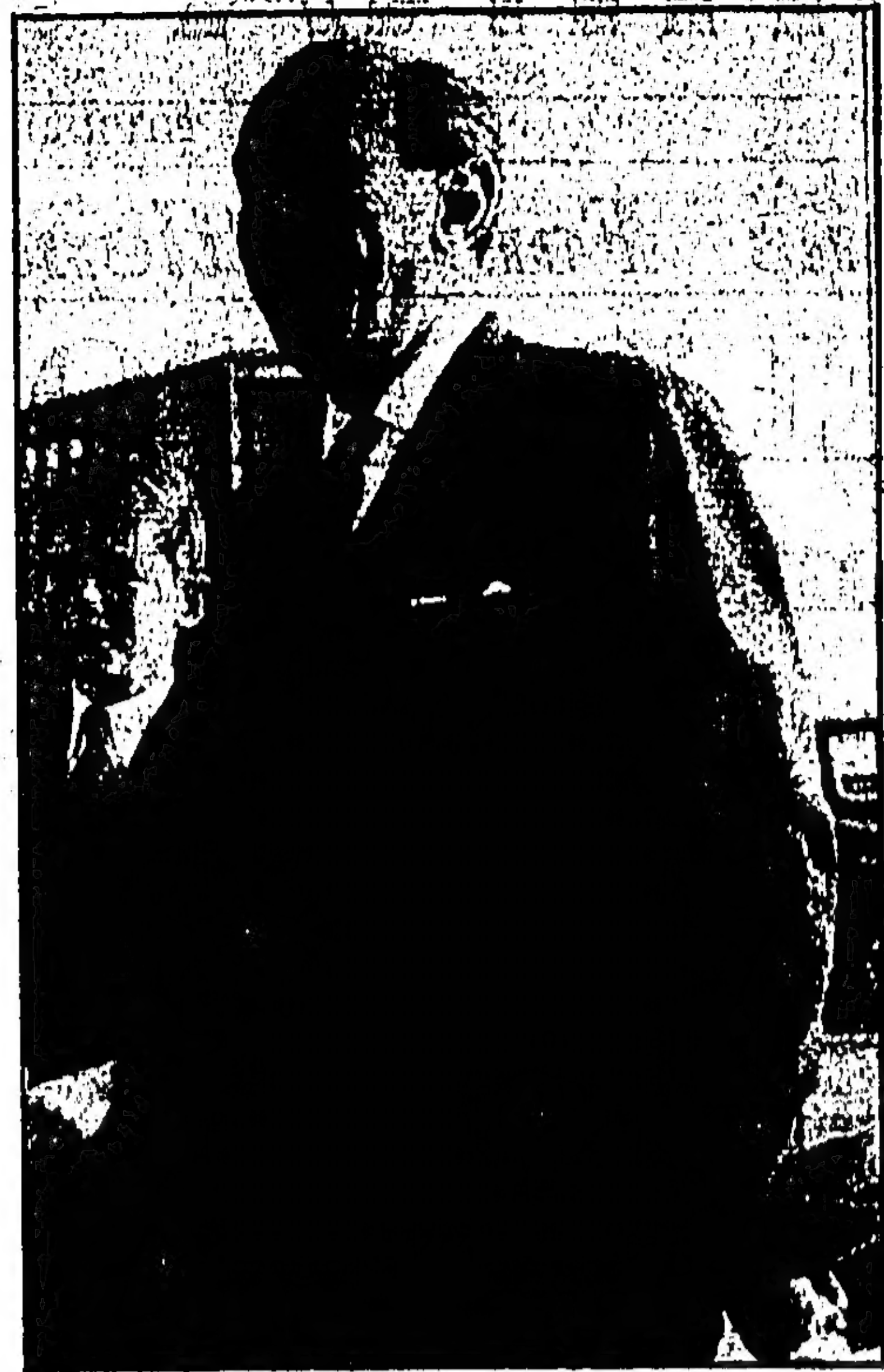
"Bombs and rockets were used," the statement continued; "The fact is that there is a revolt in the areas occupied by Britain. The free people in the occupied areas were also the subject of heavy raids by the Royal Air Force resulting in destruction of their homes."

The Yemeni statement claimed that "responsible British quarters" had admitted the existence of a revolt in the Aden Protectorate. It said that these quarters claim "that the rebels are armed and armed by the Yemeni authorities only to justify the continuation of British military action against the Yemen and against the rebels who are seeking their freedom." — Reuters.

## Police Out Of Work

Paris, Jan. 23.  
 Nearly 5,000 former members of the Polish security police are looking for other jobs, following the abolition of the force, the Polish press agency reported today.

The jobless former policemen are taking courses to fit them for other work, and many of them have expressed the desire to enter industry, the agency said. — France-Press.



Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who curtailed his visit to the Central African Federation because of the Government changes in London, shown on arrival at London Airport. He flew back to Africa after a short stay, and later it was announced that he would retain his post in the new Macmillan Cabinet. — Reutersphoto.

## NATO Council Invited To Germany

Paris, Jan. 23.  
 The North Atlantic Council today accepted a West German invitation to hold its next ministerial meeting in Bonn. The meeting, to be attended by the Foreign Ministers of the 15 NATO member nations, will take place from May 2 to 4.

The decision to hold the Ministers' meeting in the capital of another member state, instead of at the permanent headquarters in Paris, followed a recommendation of the three "wise-men", who studied last year the co-operation of member states in non-military matters.

The meeting will be NATO's first ever held at Ministers' level away from Paris since NATO set up its headquarters here in 1952. Previously, other ministerial NATO meetings had been held in Washington, New York, London, Brussels, Ottawa, Rome and Lisbon. — France-Press.

## ATTEMPT TO SEAT KOREA & VIETNAM

United Nations, Jan. 23.

The United States and 12 other countries called on the United Nations today to remedy the "glaring injustice" that keeps the Republic of Korea and Vietnam out of the UN.

Introducing two resolutions in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, calling for admission of the two States, the US delegate, Mr Edward Greenbaum, said that only the Soviet Union's "abuse of the veto" kept South Korea and South Vietnam from entering the UN.

He emphasised the "special and unique place that the Republic of Korea has in relation to the United Nations" and the fact that a majority of UN members have already recognised both States, while only the Communist bloc recognises the Northern Communist regime in each country.

As the debate began, Laos announced that it had withdrawn its sponsorship of the resolution in favour of Vietnam's admission. No reason was given for the action.

Mr Greenbaum said that in the new and more hopeful situation created by the admission of new members to the United Nations, "the exclusion of these two fully-qualified applicants from our midst has become an even more glaring injustice."

Restrictions imposed last year when the UN was deadlocked on the question of admitting Japan were "no longer pertinent," he said, and "the time has again come for the General Assembly to reaffirm its findings and request the Security Council to act." — United Press.

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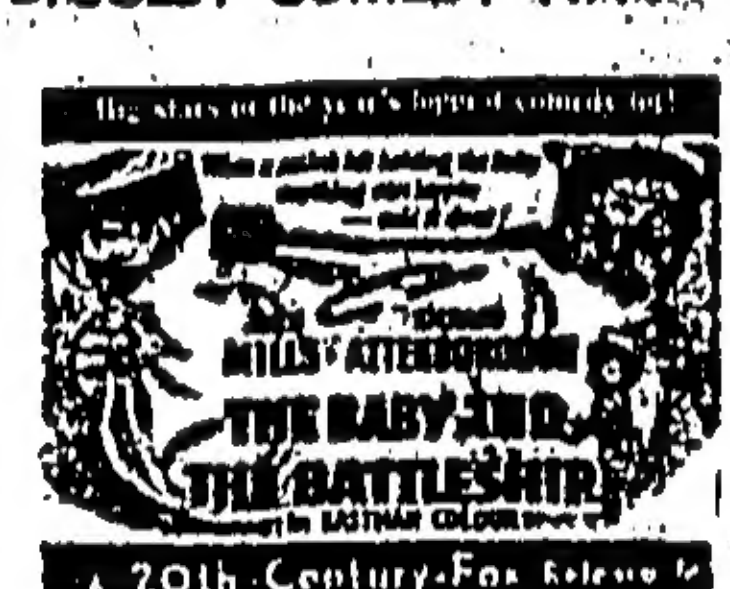
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## French Accord Pleases Delegates

Brussels, Jan. 23. Delegates from six European countries, working under pressure here to prepare treaties on Euratom and the common market for early signing, were today spurred on by the French National Assembly's vote in favour of the market.

Conference sources said delegates agreed that the French vote gave them confidence. Today the sources said, the delegates and experts who have been working on the two treaties here since last May had nearly completed preparation of the Euratom treaty.

### OUTSTANDING POINTS

The Foreign Ministers of the European countries—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—will have the job when they meet here on Saturday for a three-day conference, of settling a number of outstanding points which the delegates and experts are not empowered to solve. These points include the functioning of Euratom institutions, the Euratom budget and supplies of fissile materials to the member states.

Tomorrow, the conference which is presided over by M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, will resume discussions of a plan for the integration of French and Belgian African territories in the common market.—Reuter.

### SCANDINAVIAN PLAN

Copenhagen, Jan. 23. Mr. H. C. Hansen, the Danish Prime Minister, gave details tonight of a plan for a common Scandinavian market covering the 20,000,000 people of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark.

The plan will be put before the four governments this summer. Mr. Hansen told the Copenhagen Commercial Club that the common market will cover three-quarters of all trade between the four countries. They will introduce common customs duties for outside countries and abolish internal tariffs and quota restrictions.—China Mail Special.

## PRESIDENT WILL ACCEPT SOME AMENDMENTS

Washington, Jan. 23.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee gave tentative support today to President Eisenhower's request for authority to use US armed forces if necessary to block Red penetration of the Middle East.

It took the action by starting formal consideration of the resolution requested by the President. A spokesman for the committee chairman, Mr. Thomas Gordon, said it was hoped that action could be completed tomorrow.

The Congressional development came as Mr. Eisenhower spoke out against Democratic proposals for separating the military and economic features of his Middle East plan. He said such action "would destroy what we are trying to do."

### Question Left Open

At a news conference, the President also left open the possibility that any US troops sent into the area to resist Communist aggression might be armed with "smaller" atomic weapons. But he refused to hazard a "guess" in advance on the final decision.

The House Committee decided informally to consider a joint resolution embodying Mr. Eisenhower's Middle East proposals rather than a concurrent resolution. A concurrent resolution does not carry the force of law. Representative Clement Zablocki said only a technically prevented him from offering a concurrent resolution. He said he still planned to do so but conceded that chances of its approval were not bright.

"The concurrent resolution is not entirely dead," he said. "It is not a dead duck, but it is not breathing very well."

### Strong Sentiment

Across the Capitol, Senator Styles Bridges, Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said there was strong sentiment in that chamber for a concurrent resolution.

Senator Bridges, who attended a White House meeting of Republican legislative leaders, also said there was strong sentiment for separating the President's economic and military proposals. But he predicted that most Republican Senators would support Mr. Eisenhower's "one package" plan.

Mr. Eisenhower said at his news conference that it was "vital" to keep his requested troops authority and the econo-

mic aid in one legislative package.

"You cannot do the things that need to be done merely with arms," he said. "You have got to have an understanding of human wants (and help people satisfy) those wants if we are going to wage peace successfully."

The House Committee tentatively agreed with this declaration by the President.

"The peace of the world and the security of the United States are endangered as long as international communism and the nations it controls seek, by direct or indirect means, to bring about the domination of peoples now free and independent."

### Amendments

The Committee adopted one minor amendment to the Eisenhower resolution to permit additional economic aid only to Middle East countries "desiring such aid."

The Committee rejected several other minor amendments offered by Committee members. The votes were not made public.

The Eisenhower Administration, it was learned, has agreed to accept two other amendments not yet taken up by the Committee. One would limit the amount of extra economic aid to any one Middle East country to \$30 million. The second would set a June 30 deadline on allocating any of the extra economic aid. Republican leaders predicted after the White House conference that both House and Senate would approve the President's programme.—United Press.

## MALENKOV GETS IN THE ACT

Paris, Jan. 23.

Georgi Malenkov, Soviet Vice-Premier in charge of electric power, said today the USSR could "compel the imperialists" to respect Soviet force "when necessary in the interests of peace and security." Tass reported here tonight.

Malenkov, in a speech at Chkalov, devoted mainly to foreign affairs, said the Soviet Union had been "compelled to put strong pressure" on the "war criminals who had embarked upon a military adventure in Egypt."

Referring to the part played by Soviet troops during the Hungarian revolt, Malenkov said the intervention had been "necessary to put an end to the counter-revolutionary adventure of international imperialism."

This was Malenkov's first foreign policy speech since his visit to Britain last spring.—France-Press.



Here are some fresh, pretty faces to lift your spirits these gloomy days. Picture left shows Princess Margarethe of Sweden, who has been spending Christmas with her family in Stockholm, arriving at London Airport to continue her schooling in Britain. Picture right shows three girls from outside Britain aboard the train returning them to school at Malvern, Worcestershire. They are, from left: Antoinette Basmaudien, 17, of Lucerne, Switzerland; Karen Goelmu-den, 15, of Oslo; and Marina Pinto, 16, of Tangier.—Express Photo.

## THAW STARTS US RIVERS RUSHING TO FLOOD LEVEL

Chicago, Jan. 23.

A mid-winter thaw sent rivers rising to flood stage in the east today and a 16½-inch fall of rain caused an estimated \$15 million damage in Florida.

## Diamond Necklace Price Halved

New York, Jan. 23.

A 213-carat diamond necklace that originally cost \$750,000 was sold at auction today for \$385,000.

Two perfectly matched strands of Oriental pearls originally valued at \$1,250,000 were knocked down at the same sale for only \$161,000.

The diamond necklace and the pearls were obtained 40 years ago by the late Mrs. Mae Rovinsky, a four-times-married New York millionaire.

Her estate insisted on an opening bid of at least \$350,000 for the diamond necklace which was purchased for Mrs. Rovinsky by her second husband.

Jewelry experts attending the auction at Parke-Bernet Galleries blamed the drop in price of Mrs. Rovinsky's pearls.

They said the relatively low bid for the diamond necklace, reputedly the most important item of jewelry ever auctioned in the United States, was due to the inflated values placed on jewels in the "millionaires' market" of two generations ago.

The necklace consisted of 40 round diamonds and 40 fancy diamonds with a pendant featuring a 46.50-carat pear-shaped diamond and a cushion-shaped diamond of 21 carats. The total weight of all diamonds in the necklace was 213.10 carats.

Another major piece in the collection was a ring with a large cushion-shaped diamond weighing about 30 carats. The mounting also had 25 small round diamonds. It sold at \$10,000.

Altogether, 107 pieces of jewelry were sold at the auction. They brought a total of \$1,122,866.—United Press.

## Princess And Commoners Go Back To School

## Dr Edith Asked For Evidence

London, Jan. 23.

The Defence Ministry said today that it would be "glad" to consider any fresh evidence gathered by Labour MP Edith Summerskill with regard to victims in the Suez conflict last November.

Dr Summerskill said on her return from Egypt earlier today that 3,000 Egyptian civilians had been killed in French-

Earlier, tornadoes associated with the southern and eastern storm systems killed at least 12 persons in Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Eight persons were killed in a twister at Gans in Oklahoma and four persons died in the farming communities of Bellevue and Princeton, Louisiana.

Agricultural officials at Pompano Beach, Florida, said some 25,000 acres of crops in the area were under water following 24 hours of steady rain. They said 65 to 85 per cent of the vegetables in the fields were destroyed and damage may reach \$15 million.

### Three More Feet

In the northeast, the swift-running French Creek reached the 57-foot flood stage at Meadville, Pennsylvania, today and observers expected it to climb about three more feet by noon.

However, the authorities said no serious flooding was expected. They said a 60-foot stage would flood streets and basements in about a five-block-square area.

A threat of floods along the Allegheny River eased when an ice gorge at the junction of the Allegheny and Oil Creek broke last night. The threat also was lessened by the arrival of colder weather in the area.—United Press.

## SAUDI CALLS ON HOOVER

Washington, Jan. 23.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Jr. resigning American Under-Secretary of State, today had an interview with Hazzam Pasha, who represents the interests of Saudi Arabia in a dispute with Britain over the Buraimi Oasis.

Hazzam Pasha told reporters that he had paid a courtesy call on Hoover, whose resignation will become effective within a few weeks.—France-Press.

## COMMUNISTS STILL DOMINATE POLISH ASSEMBLY

By SIDNEY TAYLOR

Warsaw, Jan. 23.

The Communist United Workers Party will not dominate the new Polish Parliament as they did the old, but they will still outnumber the second strongest party, the Peasants, by slightly over two to one.

The old Sejm (Parliament) had 425 members: 278 Communists, 90 Peasants, 25 Democrats and 37 non-party members, including five Catholics.

There will be 450 seats in the new Assembly. It is unofficially calculated that there will be 230 Communists, 110 Peasants, 30 Democrats and 80 non-party members, including 12 Catholics. (The election in one constituency is to be held again.)

### Wider Powers

The Peasants and Democrats, in forming the National Unity Front, with the Communists, stipulated they must have stronger representation in the new Sejm, which is to have much wider powers and is to become the supreme organ of the State.

They drew up a joint list of candidates, in which the members of mass social organizations and other non-party members had a share. The list in each constituency was so cast as to give the second and third parties a greater number of deputies under "democratisation" than ever before.

There was a great chance for some of the 114 non-party candidates fighting the contest, including 22 Catholics, to get into Parliament.

This and other factors made this election very attractive to the Poles. Stalinists among the Communists thought things were being made far too attractive—and dangerous.

### Countrywide

In each constituency the voters were offered a choice of eight or nine candidates for, say, six seats as against only one candidate for each seat in 1952.

By crossing out the names of all the Communist candidates, as they were urged to do in a campaign that was countryside, all kinds of situation, awkward for the party in power, could have been created in the Sejm.

Mr. Wladyslaw Gomułka, the Communist leader, appealed to the nation to drop their cards untouched into the ballot boxes—which meant a vote for the top names, according to the number of seats available. An overwhelming number of people carried out this injunction and the poll was over 94 per cent.

The official communiqué on the final election results issued last night, made no attempt to analyse the political composition of the new Sejm.

### Top Figures

The three parties made no announcement today. Tonight, all over Poland, Catholics were quietly celebrating the success of 12 of their 22 candidates.

All but one of the elected, they pointed out, scored top figures in their respective constituencies—and the exception was on the list headed by Mr. Gomułka himself.—China Mail Special.

## CHOU EN-LAI VISITING KANDAHAR

Peshawar, Jan. 23.

Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai, and his party arrived in Kandahar, an historical town in Afghanistan, after spending five days in Kabul. He was received at the airport by Abdul Ghani, the Governor of Kandahar.

Chou will spend two days in Kandahar, visiting a number of development projects and places of interest. Chou lunched with the Governor today.

In his farewell speech at Kabul airport this morning, Chou thanked his hosts for their hospitality and the chance to become acquainted with the various aspects of life of "our friendly neighbour, Afghanistan."

Chou said he was convinced that direct contacts of leaders of various countries was conducive to the promotion of understanding and friendship, and consequently to the enhancement of international peace and co-operation. He stressed the desire of China and Afghanistan to further develop cultural ties and strengthen co-operation.—France-Press.



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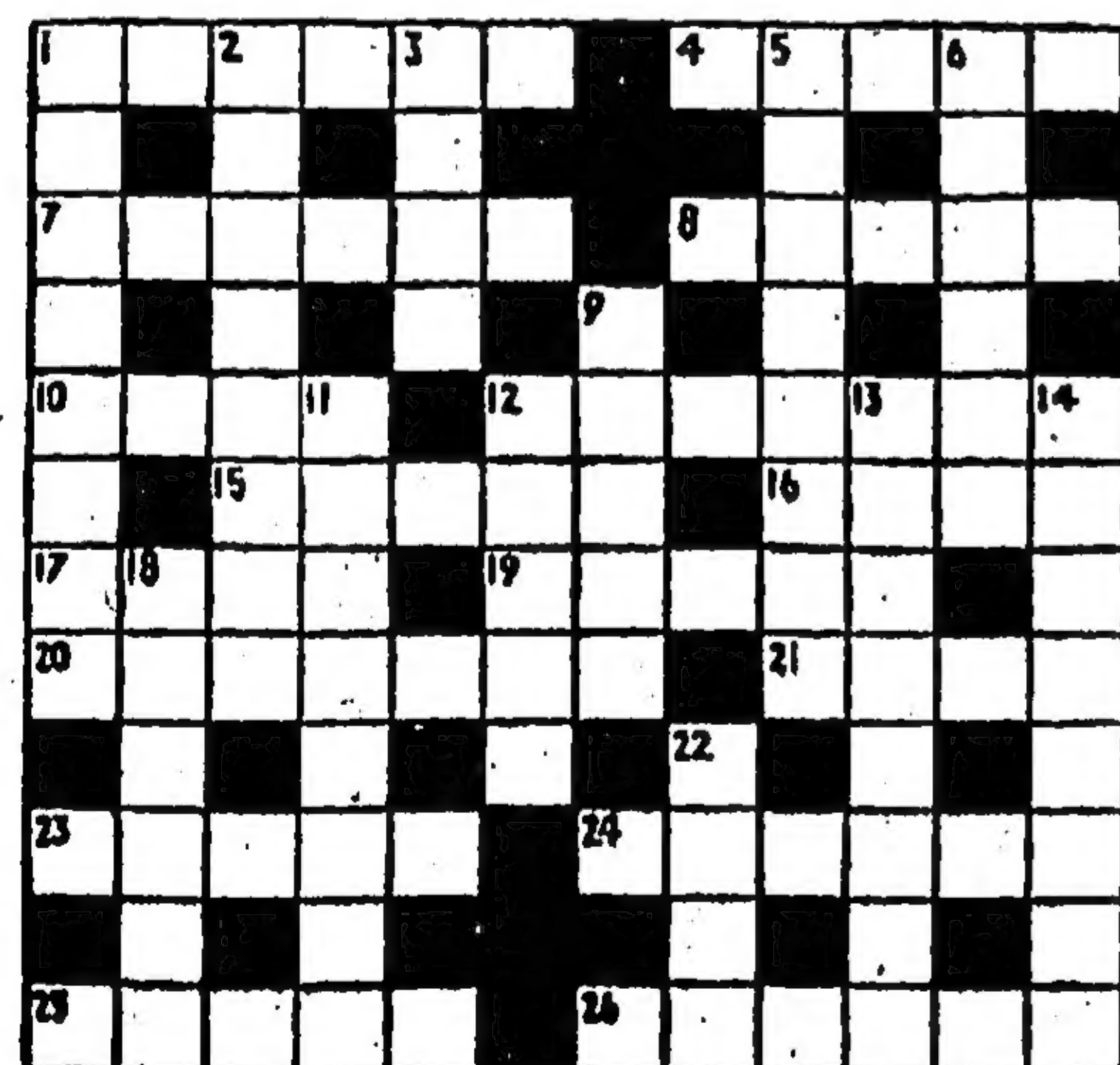
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## A British Crossword Puzzle



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- 1 Magnificent (6).
  - 4 Scratch up 20 runs? (5).
  - 7 Closely occupied (6).
  - 10 Lazy (4).
  - 12 Flatter (7).
  - 15 Diver? (5).
  - 16 Always (4).
  - 17 Skin disease (4).
  - 18 Deluge (5).
  - 20 Withdraw (7).
  - 21 Cured (4).
  - 23 Undressed (5).
  - 24 Loss advanced (6).
  - 25 Dopes (8).
  - 26 Degrees of progress (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Sword (8).
  - 2 Peevish (8).
  - 3 His films are of the highest (4).
  - 5 Whole (8).
  - 6 Toll (6).
  - 9 Skilled (6).
  - 11 Coming out (8).
  - 12 Test purity of metals (5).
  - 13 Warding off (8).
  - 14 Rubbings out (8).
  - 15 Vault (6).
  - 22 Channel (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Repetition, 6 Litter, 9 Finished, 11 Retainer, 12 Try, 13 Bore, 15 Delay, 16 Army, 17 Sincere, 24 Director, 25 Torso, 26 Damaged. Down: 1 Alarm, 2 State, 3 Refused, 4 Eden, 5 Fair, 6 Cohere, 7 Sudden, 10 Newel, 14 Remit, 15 Tapered, 16 Candid, 17 Horser, 20 Hussy, 21 Waist, 22 Scan, 23 Note.

## America To Keep Base In Azores

Lisbon, Jan. 23.

The Foreign Office announced today that Portugal will continue to grant facilities to the United States in the strategic Azores islands.

A statement, released simultaneously in Lisbon and Washington, said negotiations for the formal renewal of the 1951 Portuguese-United States Azores Treaty had been temporarily postponed, because of the illness of Portuguese Foreign Minister Dr

Paulo Cunha.

The statement said it was hoped negotiations would resume soon.

The five-year treaty giving American forces peace-time rights in the Azores technically expired on December 31.

The islands are an important key to the defence of the Atlantic in time of war. They lie 1,800 miles southwest of London and 2,000 miles east of New York.

The peacetime facilities granted the United States apply only to

restricted zones of Terceira Island, one of the nine islands comprising the Azores.

Under the 1951 agreement the United States has the right to full facilities on the Azores if war should break out during the lifetime of NATO. NATO has another 15 years to run.

Also under the agreement, Portugal reserved the right to extend similar facilities enjoyed by the United States to Britain.—United Press.





# Ancestor worship

**FRANCIS QUARLES** saw the advertisement in the "Personal" column, and was amused by it. Briefly: Colonel John Jacob Hathernmill seeks information about his American ancestors. Such information, if properly documented, will be paid for.

Hathernmill is an unusual name, and Quarles remembered the advertisement a month later, when the name appeared on his appointments.

His visitor proved to be Miss Muriel Hathernmill, a trim, dapper little woman in her thirties.

"I don't want to see you on my own account, it's about my uncle," Quarles mentioned the advertisement. "That's it. He's suffering from a bad attack of ancestor worship, and I'm afraid he's on the way to being swindled. Trouble is I can't see just how."

"Tell me about it."

"My uncle isn't a fool, don't think that," she said sharply. "He was a regular soldier, commanded a regiment in the 1914-18 war. Home Guard in the last one. He's shrewd enough, except about one thing. Family."

"We trace our ancestry back to the 18th century, perfectly respectable wool merchants in the Midlands. That isn't enough for uncle. He believes that there was another branch of the family which went out to America about the time of the Pilgrim Fathers, and settled in Virginia. In family legend this particular Hathernmill has the same name as my uncle, John Jacob."

"That's what has made him so keen on finding out details. That, and the fact that he's tremendously keen on everything American. Would go out there, I think, except that he's got high blood pressure and his doctor says he'd be unwise to travel."

Quarles put his fingertips together. "As I remember the advertisement mentioned properly documented information. What does your uncle hope to find?"

She shrugged. "Papers, photographs, old books. He doesn't know himself. But he's in the mood to buy anything from anybody. That's what worries me."

**FRANCIS QUARLES**

**FINDS OUT**



The letter covered four closely written pages. Quarles read fragments of it.

"And somebody's turned up with things to sell?" She said slowly. "I'm not sure that I can say that. It's an American named Jackson and he says he comes from Virginia and has relatives there. He's supposed to be making inquiries. He and uncle seem to spend all day poring over old books and records. I daresay it's all right, but I just don't like the man."

"What do you want to do about it?" "I wondered if you could come and see uncle one day, and meet Jackson. See what you think of him. I can introduce you as a friend of mine who knows something about genealogy."

Quarles rubbed his chin. "All right." When she had gone he went to the London Library and spent some time looking up appropriate volumes.

Four days later he went to Col. John Hathernmill's house

in St. John's Wood, and met Jackson. The American was a self-assured man with rimless glasses and a bow tie. He had a bubbling enthusiasm which was infectious. It had certainly infected Hathernmill, who listened eagerly to everything Jackson said.

Quarles tested out Jackson's knowledge as well as he could from his own casual reading, without finding any flaws in it. In fact, however, up to the present the Colonel's and Jackson's joint researches had discovered nothing.

"What about this relative of yours, Miss Freeman?" the Colonel asked, impatiently cutting short a discussion about the origin of Virginian place-names.

"Sarah Lou Freeman," Jackson chuckled. "If anybody can help you, Colonel, it will be Sarah Lou. Although I'm a Southerner by birth I've spent too many years in New York to be much real help. But Sarah

Lou now, who just lives for nothing else but antiquities. She collects them, has done since she was a young woman."

"Where does she live?"

Muriel Hathernmill asked. "She lives in Richmond, has done all her life. She's a kind of a grand-aunt of mine. But she's paying a visit to New York at the moment, only the third time she's been out of Virginia altogether. As soon as she gets back you can rely on it she'll be doing her best to find that old John Jacob of yours, Colonel."

"It can't be too soon for me," the Colonel said. Quarles left with the feeling that Jackson was some sort of con-man, but without any kind of proof to back it up.

It was a week later that Muriel Hathernmill telephoned and said: "Jackson's got them. The proofs. Or so he claims. He's asking 3,000 dollars, and uncle's going to pay it."

"What does he want 3,000 dollars for?"

"Some kind of book that his grand-aunt's discovered. Oh, Mr. Quarles, do come and see uncle. I made him promise to do nothing before you looked at the thing."

In the house at St. John's Wood, Quarles found Jackson and an excited Colonel Hathernmill. The American greeted him exuberantly.

"Well, Mr. Quarles, little old Sarah Lou has done it. You see she would just place that original John Jacob Hathernmill right where he lived, in Cecil-town, near Charleston. Seems he was a person of some account, too."

Colonel Hathernmill tugged at his moustache. "I'm infinitely grateful to you, Jackson. You don't know what this means to me."

"Might I know exactly what it is that your grand-aunt has discovered?" Quarles asked.

"Sure," Jackson was amiable. "Only she hasn't discovered it, she's had it for years. I told you that. She collected all her antiquities. Here's her letter and she's sent a photograph of one page from the Common-place Book she talks about."

The letter covered four closely-written pages. Quarles read fragments of it, though, of course, he had already read them ten days ago from New York. What a city! And what lives people live in it, scurrying like ants from one place to another, too busy to stand in the street and tell a stranger good-bye!

I day when we journeyed in the lift to the top of the Empire State Building (oh yes, we rubbernecked it like real country cousins) and saw the tiny figures on the pavements below. "Since we Americans returned I have been investigating the affairs of your friend Colonel Hathernmill. I am delighted to say that his idea about American ancestors was right. There was a John Jacob Hathernmill living in Cecil-town in the 17th century. By the greatest good fortune I have found much information about him in the Common-place Book kept by Henrietta Freeman. He seems, indeed, to have been rather a flaneur of hers, although it came to nothing. He was the local doctor and by way of being a character. I have had one page of the book photographed and enclose it..."

There was much more to the effect that she would not in ordinary circumstances think of parting with the Common-place Book, but that the houses had been needing repairs for years, and that if there was a prospect of getting them done—well, she left it to her dear Thomas to say what the book was worth. Quarles looked at the photograph. It showed a page of characteristic 17th century script and told how Doctor Jacob Hathernmill had treated the whole Freeman family for mumps for which he had prescribed cooling drinks and warm flannel next the skin.

Quarles read no further. Colonel Hathernmill tugged his moustache complacently. "A remarkable find," Quarles said. "I don't know what kind of forgery you'll receive for your 3,000 dollars, Colonel, but I do know that it won't come from America, any more than this letter did. Or Mr. Jackson here."

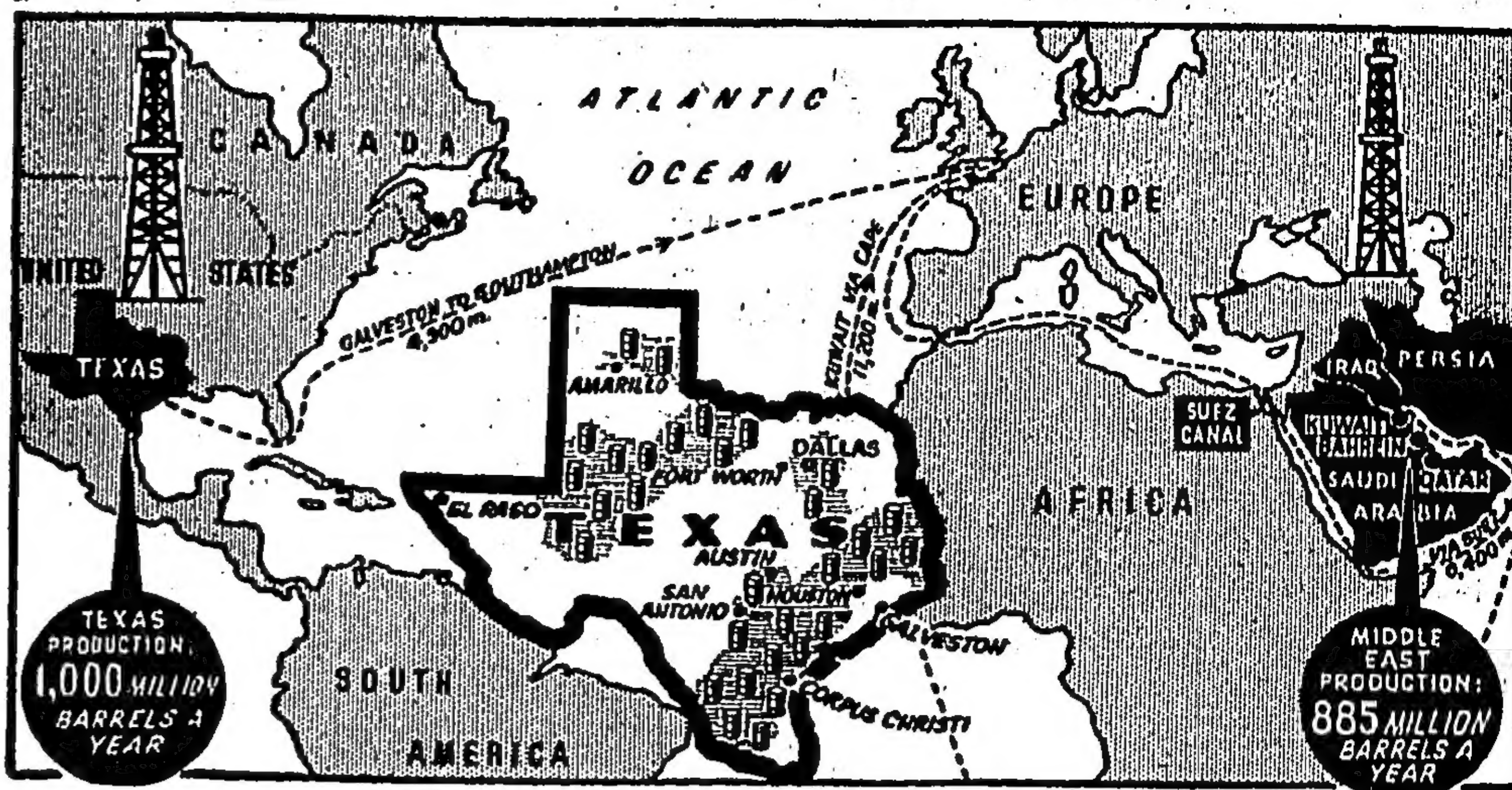
"Just look at this letter. The real meat of it is the stuff about the Common-place Book, the rest is padding. But the padding has been done carefully. There are two exclusively English words in it, words no American would ever use, unless they'd lived for years in England. Americans don't talk about lifts, but about elevators, and for them payments are called side-walks. That means the letter is a forgery."

"Where's Jackson? The scoundrel!" roared the Colonel. Below them a door banged. Muriel went to the window. "Mr. Jackson is running very hard down the street."

The Colonel looked sadly at the photograph. "Do you suppose, Mr. Quarles, this means that I never had an American ancestor?"

"I've no idea, Colonel. But I think you would be wise if you rested happy with the English ones."

## Deep in the heart of Texas



## HEALTH FOR CASH

by William Foster

**A**merica is still mourning the biggest traffic disaster in her history. It will be a long time before she forgets Christmas and the New Year. Over a thousand Americans were killed on the roads.

While New Yorkers were still shaking their heads over the lists of dead, I investigated the fate of the injured. For every American killed, there were three who landed up in hospital. Walk through the forbidding wards of the average American hospital as I did and you will find them—pathetic victims of speed-crazy "road-hogs" with only broken bones and shattered bodies to greet the New Year.

I have only just finished investigating American hospitals. Everywhere I found the same story. American hospitals have the same nursing shortage as those in other countries. And thousands of patients worry so much about finding the money to pay for their treatment that their recovery is often delayed.

You can expect knowing smiles from American doctors if British doctors walk out of the United Kingdom's Health Service as they are threatening to do. The very idea of a Health Service has always terrified the American Medical Association.

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Tell them that Ancurin Bevan resigned because a shilling was clapped on British prescriptions and they laugh out loud.

It costs the equivalent of £3 just to have a ropping replaced in a tooth if you lose one in New York.

While the medical profession in America is a multi-million dollar gold-mine for doctors, patients are throwing up their jobs, pawning their jewellery, even selling their houses, to pay their bills.

What will happen to today's accident cases, crippled in recent holiday smashes? Thirty-one-year-old Tom Peyton was driving peacefully along an American highway just a year ago when disaster in the shape of an American Lincoln came thundering over the crest of a hill and ploughed into him like a runaway truck.

Tom is one of the lucky ones. He has an oil-wealthy father with a well-lined bank account. At the rate of £6 a day for a private room in a New York hospital, plus £14 a day for three special nurses, it had cost the old man £1,100 in less than a month.

There would have been another £650 on top of that if Tom had not been paying into a health insurance scheme. Most schemes only cover patients up to three or four pounds' worth of treatment a day.

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With Tom, in the wreckage of his car, they found a college friend. He, too, had been paying \$100 a year into a health insurance scheme. But months of litigation followed before the insurance people paid up.

Operation after operation ran up a bill of \$30,000 in a matter of months. "I had to take the hat round all my friends and ask them to guarantee so much," Tom told me.

Tom and his friend both walk with a limp today. But it might have been worse. Americans who simply can't pay inflated doctors' bills are sent to the grim, fortress-like city hospitals which are supported by rate-payers.

Alarming stories filter through of badly injured patients dying in ambulances. If you investigate, you find they were often on their way from the nearest private hospital to a "free" hospital.

All too often doctors have discovered, when admitting a patient, that he hasn't any money saved up to pay their bills.

"He can't stay here if he can't pay his way," they storm. "Put him in an ambulance and send him somewhere else."

Private hospitals are compelled by law to set aside a fixed percentage of "free" beds. They are always grumbling about it. They cost \$30 a day to maintain, and the ratepayers only pay half.

What could be done to improve American hospitals? Many Americans would like to see part of the doctors' huge profits distributed among the nurses. There are vacancies for fifty thousand more nurses in America. No wonder. They are paid even less than office boys. Nurses are forever walking out of one hospital and signing on at another where wages are higher.

There was only one good reason for not walking out altogether that I could discover. Nurses get FREE hospital treatment if they need it.

Like other countries, including Britain, America needs more and bigger hospitals. Out of five thousand hospitals, 3,450 hold fewer than a hundred patients and don't pay their way.

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And people in other countries who complain that the old-fashioned "family doctor" is on his way out should visit America. American general practitioners are so bothered by new medical discoveries that they can't keep up to date any more.

More and more patients are being sent straight from their doctors' waiting rooms to "diagnosticians." The only job these gentry have is to say what is wrong and recommend a specialist. It all adds up to more "red tape," more waste of time, and MORE MONEY.

The wife of an Irish diplomat at the United Nations thinks she knows the answer to American doctors' bills. "God bless us, it's frightening to think of getting ill," she told me. "I'd jump on the first boat and go home."

## The oil bosses bargain

**B**EFORE Suez, Britain bought nearly all her oil in the Middle East. Kuwait, with 8 million barrels a month out of 16.3 million, was Britain's biggest supplier, followed by Venezuela (117 million), Bahrain, Qatar, and the Trucial States (1.5 million) and Iraq (1 million).

Now Britain has to look west for oil. But the American companies are putting up prices and demanding that Britain must undertake to go on buying their oil even after Suez is clear.

20,000 wells

TWO-THIRDS of world oil is produced in the Americas (compared with little more than a sixth in the Middle East). The United States alone produces half the world's oil—and Texas alone more than a fifth.

Texas has 20,000 oil wells, and dollar problems apart—could relieve Europe's shortage at the drop of a ten-gallon hat. But the Texans are not boring all the oil they could. They have 270 million barrels in storage, and have been cutting production to push up prices.

In such tough business "unfriendly" to oil-starved Europe? The name "Texas" means "friends"—but the State emblem is the mocking bird!

Superlatives

IF the petrol crisis lasts long, Texas could grow even richer. Already it is the state of superlatives. From west to east it measures further than New York to Chicago.

It has the most best, sheep, wool, mohair, cotton, lint, farms, and Sunday newspapers of any U.S. State. Its population has grown from 220,000 to 8½ million in a hundred years.

And somewhere in Pecos County it boasts the deepest hole in the world—13,270 feet—into which the famous reserves of wealth of the Lone Star State.

## A Feudal Welfare State Turns Out The Goods

From FREDERICK ELLIS in OSAKA

**T**he biggest squawk I hear as a financial journalist at home is Lancashire's: "How can we compete with Japanese slave labour?"

Well, Osaka is the Japanese Manchester and Birmingham rolled into one, with a garish rainbow of night neon that makes London's Piccadilly a dull place. And New York is a country retreat compared with the day-and-night-long symphony of Osaka taxi horns.

On the outskirts of this the second largest city of Japan, I looked today at what Lancashire likes to call a slave camp—with three bowls of rice a day.

Well, Lancashire's lasses get some of the Osaka facilities when they take a Week Holiday with Billy Bullin. After that it is back to the dull mill-town life for another year.

Here I drove through the gates of a great textile plant into a park-like setting with lawns. The buildings are modern. Dotted around were tennis courts, a swimming pool, baseball, softball, andolley-ball pitches with facilities for judo, fencing, and archery. All very Bullin.

And all around were shrubs and trees that are a feature of Japanese life. "Who uses the tennis courts?" I asked my Japanese guide. "The operatives," he said, looking mystified that I should ask such a question.

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**The facilities**

All Japanese mills and plants operate on a semi-feudal system. Workers join for life, regarding themselves as part of the family.

In this Osaka plant all the workers, from the chakmen down to the live-in, young workers sleep in dormitories. There are houses for married families. Each gets three Japanese meals daily—including that bowl of

rice. But then the Japanese will without rice. It is their daily bread.

The company provides everything—a sort of private welfare State.

The hospital has 50 beds, doctors, dentists, nurses. There is a beauty parlour for the girls, a barber shop for the men. All on the firm.

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**The food**

Three meals a day cost the workers just over a shilling, a bargain by Japanese or Lancashire standards. Meals are the only deduction from wages. The rest is spending money.

Lancashire's lasses earn around £7 a week, with paid holidays the only perk.

But it is impossible to say what all these Japanese perks, called the "invisible supply," are worth.

There is no end to them—club rooms, films, cut-price shops, even much-prized baths. And free buses.

Then there is a share bonus in

this company, based on length of service. The average last year was 200 shares, worth £20 on the stock-market.

It will be a happy day when Lancashire mills give their workers a handful of shares.

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**The clothes**

All workers here from the manager downwards wear the company uniform. It is protective clothing, clean and neat. The men wear khaki denims, the girls attractive blue blouses, slacks, white shoes, and coloured head scarves. The girls look chic. And they do not have to pay for it.

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The girls' look chic. And they do not have to pay for it. So really it is a mockery to judge Japanese textile wages by the oft-quoted basic wage of £15 a month for girls, £20 a month for men.

British 40-hour week—including a full day Saturday. But here's the rub for Lancashire. Everybody works a two-shift system.

This is unpopular in Lancashire, particularly with trades unions. But it is more the secret of cheap Japanese textiles than the "how-of-the-steps" squawk.

But if you are one of the many wanting a TISSOT timepiece, it will pay to wait on the arrival of the 1957 collection—expected shortly.

The manufacturers of Tissot regret the temporary shortage and promise that their ladies and gent's quality timekeepers will shortly be available in the latest models, and all in the famed tradition of Société Suisse Pour l'Industrie Horlogère S.A. Geneva, Switzerland.



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## This Funny World



"Gee, you're right. Sure, golf is a lot like polo!"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... BY STELLA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

**BORN** today, you are essentially an optimist and know how to imbue others with enthusiasm. Since you are a worker yourself, you are able to analyse a project in such practical terms that it is readily understandable to those who are going to do the manual labour. You have many of the elements of a fine executive. If you develop your gifts in this direction, you should find yourself on the top of the heap at quite an early age. You have a great deal of nervous and physical energy. Make sure that it is always directed toward some definite goal or objective.

Your potentialities are great, and if you make the best use of your talents, you may become outstanding. On the other hand, you can scatter your energies so widely and over so many different fields that you will become competent in many but actually outstanding in none. This is a danger with one of your temperaments and it is a tendency which you must watch.

Although things may not always go as easily as you might wish, you are quite astute in setting objectives in which you have a very good chance of winning. In fact, you rarely back a lost cause. You spread your wings over a large field of endeavour and then manage to pounce upon the one thing which will turn out successfully. Partly analysis and partly intuitive judgment, this is a gift which is extremely helpful throughout all life. You will probably need early in life, making an advantageous marriage.

Among those born on this date were Joseph W. Drexel, banker-philanthropist; Henry Darnard, educationist; Joseph H. Choate, statesman; Edith Wharton, author; Cullen Yates, artist; and Vickie Baum, author and dramatist.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Property matters, especially those dealing with land, are especially favoured at this time. Negotiate a good deal.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Home duties will seem more than ordinarily rewarding just now. Your family seems to appreciate what you are doing.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Postpone all matters involving...

**Taurus** (Apr. 21-May 21)—This may not be the best day in the world to approach the boss with a dubious project. Postpone it.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—If someone owes you money, then this should be a good time to collect it, but make your demands tactfully.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23)—All industrial projects are favoured and those involving employers or employees are in good aspect.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Take the lead in any enterprise and you will find that you can get just about anything you want. Just be enterprising.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Job affairs should be good. If your own position is going down, you are not looking around for something else?

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This is a good time to start long-term planning. Look toward the future and blueprint what you want to do.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—If you have dealings with government, the day is auspicious. Income tax problems? Seek competent advice.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Signs of employment matters. If job-hunting today, you should find exactly what you want.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Serious study in your particular field is encouraged at this time. Concentrate.

**WATER** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

**ANSWER TOMORROW**

**BY THE WAY**

**by Beachcomber**

**THE BUNGALOW**

**Non-Roadster**

**THE old Strabismus Plan** for small Bungalow Cars is being discussed again. This would encourage the sale of cars, as no petrol is needed. To quote an authoritative spokesman in touch with extraordinary circles: "One would have the impression of being in a car, as the front door would be in the shape of a bonnet, and the furnishing would be modelled on that of a car with a place for the dustbin in a large boot, which would also serve as a back door." Being on wheels, the Bungalow Car could be moved when necessary. Sports Bungalows with no roofs would cost more.

**Nuclear chit-chat**

**"PEOPLE in all walks of life,"** says my paper, "are today passionately interested in nuclear science." Recently I overheard this at a party:

"Daphne, what does one do when one's selector valve fails?"

"You turn it off, of course."

"But what do you mean by that?" asked the Postman.

"He still held the letter which he was just about to drop into the box. He was really curious to know what Knarf meant."

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"No," said the Postman. "You wouldn't."

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"And suppose," continued Knarf, "you met a Siamese and you didn't know Siamese. You wouldn't understand him either, would you?"

"No," said the Postman. "You wouldn't."

"And suppose," continued Knarf, "you met a Thai and you didn't know Thai. You wouldn't understand him either, would you?"

"No," said the Postman. "You wouldn't."

## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Fatal Lead Tips Bidder

By OSWALD JACOBY

**PICKING** the opening lead against a slam is always a risky business, but West suffered cruel and unusual punishment for his choice in today's hand. Mind you, it isn't the safest thing in the world to lead from four to the queen, but neither does it rate to be as fatal as it was in this case.

When West led the low club, declarer played low from the dummy and was able to capture East's ten with his jack. South went after the trump next, taking his top trumps and giving up a trick to the jack.

West returned a diamond, and dummy's queen was covered by the king and won.

NORTH (D) 28			
♠ A 9 7			
♥ Q 10 3			
♦ Q 7 3			
♣ A K 7 2			
WEST	EAST		
♠ J 10 6 3	♠ 5		
♥ 5 2	♥ 9 8 7 6 4		
♦ 10 8 2	♦ K J 9 5 4		
♣ 8 6 5 3	♣ 10 5		
SOUTH			
♠ K Q 4 2			
♥ A K J			
♦ A 6			
♣ J 9 4			
North-South vul.			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 N.T.	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♣ 3			

By the way, Now South had to play the clubs in such a way as to get a discard for his losing diamond.

South knew, from the first trick, who had the queen of clubs. He therefore led the nine of clubs toward dummy. West, who was the queen, since otherwise South would have allowed the nine of clubs to ride for a winning finesse. Dummy won with the king of clubs, and South returned to his hand with a heart to lead his remaining club. West played low, and declarer, a properly finessed dummy's seven of clubs to win the trick. Now the ace of clubs allowed declarer to discard his losing diamond.

## CARD SENSE

**Q**—The bidding has been.

North East South West

1 ♠ Diamond Pass 1 Heart Pass

2 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ You, South, hold:

♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ 8 7 4

What do you do?

**A**—Pass. You intend to rescue if doubled, but you don't want to scream before you're hurt.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠ 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ 8 7 4

What do you do?

**ANSWER TOMORROW**

## A Supple Silhouette for Spring and Summer

**SUPPLENESS** is the main feature of the clothes in the current Paris ready-to-wear collections, although it is interpreted in different ways from house to house.

Although many suit jackets ignore the waistline, there are more than a few in which it is definitely indicated if not firmly marked—often by a belt in self-fabric.

Typical of the straight-suited jacket is one by JACQUES GRIFFE in a black and white wool fabric patterned with small Shepherd checks. The skirt is slim, and the jacket fastens from neck to hem. The only detail interest is supplied by a patch pocket at the hem of the jacket at either side.

Another example of the straight-jacketed suit comes from WEBE. In a black and white herringbone patterned wool, the unfitted jacket has a wide reversed collar and low-placed flap pockets.

Belted suits fall into two categories. Firstly, there are those which pull in the jacket and even give it a bloused effect, as in the case of a model by WEBE in a beige and pale-blue Glen checked fabric with a flannel-like appearance.

Then there are those which merely encircle the waist without altering the straight line of the jacket and which are slotted through loops so that they are held in place. Examples of this type are to be seen at BASTA in a black and white Glen check, and at the ready-to-wear collection of MAGGY ROUFF in bright red wool jersey.

Another feature which adds to the general suppleness of line is the use of kimono sleeves on the jackets. The above-mentioned model by MAGGY ROUFF has these, and so does a suit from BASTA in porcelain blue and white tweed.

At GATTEGNO, most suit jackets are short and are either unfitted or marked at the waist by a belt of self-fabric. Sometimes the waistline is indicated only by a little flat bow at the front, as on a suit of bright blue wool, while other models have semi-fitted jackets.

LEMPEREUR favours short penguins in soft, but fitted jackets, and here Glen checked wool fabrics are widely used. MOZES clings to the classic line with a fitted waist for his suits, which are worn with blouses. Another designer who favours



1. WEBE: The cape effect in this coat of beige wool fabric with a fine herringbone pattern is emphasised by the deep fold on either side of the back. 2. JACQUELINE MONNIN: Bold black checks on a white background give character to this wool serge suit which features a stand-away collar, and two flap pockets on either side, which are placed above and below the unmarked waistline. 3. BASTA: Typical of the currently popular belted suit is this model in a porcelain blue and white tweed. The jacket has a shawl collar, kimono sleeves and easy fullness round the waist. 4. GERMAINE ET JANE: The chemise dress (shown here casually belted to pull in the extra fullness) is cut perfectly straight and can be worn without a belt. This model is in tunic-style with an underskirt in the same ribbed knitwear. 5. LEMPEREUR: A bright red wool fabric has been used for this straight, cardigan-style coat fastened with three large buttons.

the classic line is REMCEY, while at CASALINO suit jackets have fitted waists and bloused backs.

If sleeves are not cut on kimono lines, they are mounted at natural shoulder level. Skirts are either straight or have all-round flat pleats—particularly if they are in a Glen checked fabric. Collars are tailored and fitted to the neck, or are softly rolled and star away. Others are just turned down, and sometimes they are fully absent.

As regards dresses, there are two schools of thought when it comes to line. There is the full-skirted, shirt-waisted style worn over stiff petticoats and neatly belted with a matching or fancy belt which is insisted on by LEMPEREUR. There is also the chemise line, straight from neck to hem, which is favoured by BASTA and GERMAINE ET JANE.

Lightweight wool fabrics are widely used for the full-skirted dresses such as the red wool drope chosen by LEMPEREUR and the white wool muslin-trimmed with white dots—in which PIERRE BILLET has made a delightful dress for a young girl.

The chemise dress requires a cloth with a firmer handle, such as the beige and white natic in models at BASTA, or in a fancy ribbed knitwear such as GERMAINE ET JANE use in red and in white.

Many of the new spring coats take inspiration from the cape

from which they borrow the full effect at the back. This is illustrated by a model by WEBE in a herringbone-patterned beige wool fabric. LEMPEREUR and BASTA, however, prefer the straight and tailored look for coats. Coats of varying lengths are often used with suits or dresses of the same fabric to form ensembles.

For instance, GERMAINE ET JANE team a straight, buttoned coat with a matching coat with a slim belted dress in the same fancy-ribbed, bright red knitwear.

Wool fabrics used in the current Paris spring wholesale collections include those patterned with checks of various sizes for two-piece ensembles and light-coloured suits, and gabardine, serge, navy or white flannel (chalk or pin-striped) for classic suits. Heavy knitwear with plain or fancy ribs is often chosen for straight-cut dresses and matching coats while the softer, full-skirted dresses are ideally interpreted in wool crepes, muslins and gauzes.

—MARIE FONTAINE

## Don't Waste Your Perfumes By Hoarding!

If you have fortunately received a big bottle of your favourite fragrance for Christmas, we've a few words of advice:

Don't hoard it!

So many women make that mistake. They open the perfume, but use it for only the most special occasions. It sometimes happens—if the perfume is stored close to a radiator or in sunlight—that the alcohol content evaporates and the delicate balance of oils is thrown off, spoiling the fragrance. In short, it's wasted.

Perfume should be used, and not just once a week on date night, either. It's meant to be

applied daily, because it makes such a pleasing contribution to a girl's femininity.

Get into the fragrance habit. If you're married, who's more important than your husband? Impress him with your glamour by surrounding yourself with a light but lovely cloud of fragrance.

If you're single, remember perfume has powers of attraction. Men are quick to comment on a lovely fragrance.

Don't go overboard and apply too much perfume or choose a heavy scent. That's worse than wearing no perfume at all. Hit a happy medium. Light is right with fragrance.

—JEANNE D'ARCY

## The Child's First Dental Visit

By H. N. Bundesen, M.D.

**A** YOUNGSTER'S first visit to the dentist doesn't have to be and usually is not an ordeal.

If you prepare him properly for this all-important first impression, he'll probably react very well. Moreover, his future relations with dentists will be all the better for it. The atmosphere surrounding a child's first meeting with the dentist is apt to set his dental health habits for the remainder of his life.

Take your youngster to the dentist as soon as all 20 of his primary teeth have erupted, usually sometime between the ages of two and three. It's a wise idea to initiate a routine of regular dental examinations at this time even though no cavities are present. Early dental care, you see, enables the dentist to detect and correct decay and other diseases or defects in the first stages.

## PREPARATION

In preparing him for his first meeting with the dentist, tell your child of the benefits to health and appearance that the visit will bring. Avoid references to pain.

Still, don't promise him it won't hurt! It may be painful. Even if it isn't, this won't be the last time he'll have to visit the dentist. Nor will it be the last time you'll want to be trusted when making a promise to him.

Don't make a "big thing" over the initial trip to the dentist.

In most children, nothing can build up a perfectly reasonable fear more quickly and surely than a big show of solicitude by a parent. If you appear concerned about this visit, if you have a long face, if you are willing to offer candy as a reward or bribe, it's logical for your youngster to think this must really be a pretty terrible business.

## WHEN TO BRUSH

I suggest you show your child how to—use a toothbrush as soon as all his first teeth have appeared. Tell him to brush them after each meal or snack. Perhaps you can encourage him to brush his teeth on schedule by making it more convenient and pleasant for him to do so.

Buy him several small tubes of toothpaste and let him pick out the one he likes best. Get him two child-sized toothbrushes and hang a mirror in the bathroom at his eye level so he can observe the results.

By ALICE ALDEN

## NOVEL SKIRT TREATMENT

PANELS invariably mean a return to the scissors skirt. For a fine example of this type of skirt, we give you a whimsical Troy's inspired handling of an emerald green dinner dress. The heavily grained silk works beautifully into the bodice, softened above the voluminous skirt that is criss-crossed and anchored with a tremendous jewelled buckle of many colours.

By ALICE ALDEN

## Household Hint

The brush you use to apply mascara or to brush your eye lashes and eyebrows should be washed frequently.

Wash between your fingers, using soap or detergent water, and spreading the tiny bristles apart to remove any clogged matter. Rinse brush and pat dry with cleansing tissue.

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Knarf Learns Something

—Dogs Don't Speak the Same Language—

By MAX TRELL

"It must be wonderful to be a dog," Knarf, the shadow boy with the turned-about name, was saying to his friend the Postman.

The Postman, who was about to put a letter in the mailbox, turned to look at Knarf with an expression of surprise on his face. "Wonderful to be a dog?"

"Yes," said Knarf. "Why do you say that?" asked the Postman.

"Well," said Knarf. "You can wag your tail when you're happy. You can run up and down the street. You can bark. You can growl. And best of all—"

"Best of all," continued Knarf, "you can understand every other dog you meet."

"But what do you mean by that?" asked the Postman.

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"And suppose," continued Knarf, "you met a Korean and you didn't know Korean. You wouldn't understand him either, would you?"

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## Rupert and the Windy Day—2

Marking the direction of the tree, Rupert slides away briskly. As he reaches the common a strange shape appears round a corner of the path. When it gets nearer he sees that it is a very large parcel and behind it, carrying it proudly, is his friend Willie the Mouse.

"Hello, what have you got there?" asks the little bear. "It's a birthday present from my uncle at Robin Down and you'll never guess what it is," chuckles Willie. "Don't be so mysterious," says Rupert. "May I help you to open it?" But Willie only glances at him and walks away smiling.

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Knarf told the Postman he knew a backyard cat.

Knarf said he had never thought of that.

"And suppose," the Postman went on, "your dog met a German dachshund, he wouldn't understand that dachshund either, unless he knew how to bark in German."

Knarf was getting more and more surprised.

"And suppose," the Postman said, taking a very deep breath, "your dog met a Pekinese, who comes from China, and a Huskie, who comes from the land of the Eskimos and a Spaniel, who comes from Spain—well now, your dog wouldn't be able to understand any of those other dogs at all, would he?"

Knarf had to agree that the Postman certainly seemed to be right.

Different Countries

"I never thought of dogs coming from so many different countries," said Knarf.

"Dogs come from all over the world," said the Postman, "just like people do. But you can be friends with people from the same place as you do. Dogs wag their tails when they are friendly; people shake hands and smile."

"And what about cats?" asked Knarf. "Do they come from different places, too?"

"Yes, indeed," said the Postman. "Some cats come from Persia. Some come from Spain."

"I knew a cat," said Knarf, "who came from a backyard."

"One calls as good as another," said the Postman. "And with that he dropped the letter in the postbox and walked away smiling."

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Knarf told the Postman he knew a backyard cat.



# COLONY FIFTEEN AGAINST JAPANESE WILL BE PICKED NEXT WEDNESDAY

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday evening after watching the Probables win their match against the Possibles by 3 points (1 try) to nil the Selectors sat down to decide upon the players for the Combined Services and Combined Civilian.

The original idea to also select the Colony XV was dropped, and the selection will take place after the Services game on Wednesday against the Japanese Touring XV.

The Selectors will thus be able to watch the Civilian game against the Japanese on the Club ground on Monday as well as the Services game.

Certainly this was the only good decision the Selectors made during the evening for their choice of players appears to be a hodge podge of outstanding stars and second raters. In fact their Reserves for both games contain more better players than their selection.

This is particularly so in the Services Selection where Newton, who played an excellent game last night as well as in previous matches, is a reserve while Riley is selected as a centre three. Riley has by no means been impressive of late and his selection is a mystery.

But not half so much a mystery as the fact that Hanman, whom I along with many others would class as one of the two best second row forwards in the Colony is replaced by Judd of the Navy who while a good lock forward is certainly not in the same class as Hanman as a second row forward.

They have also chosen Kay in place of Pritchard, and while this is not an error of the first magnitude, I would judge

have selected Pritchard as the possessor of the safer pair of hands, and as good if not a better touch kicker.

## ANOTHER SURPRISE

Another surprise selection is Crabbe as the front row forward. While he was selected for the Probable—Possible game with the exception of de Cordova played in the front row, the latter incidentally fully deserving his place, I feel that a much better choice would have been Crabbe, who is on a par with Crabbe, and who would thus give Barker two props he is used to playing with.

Then the Civilian XV. The same occurs again here. Only after the Selection meeting was over was Langley, who did not even in the original list, appear in the reserves, promoted to the front row. But an even worse blunder appears in the selection of Roberts as reserve.

Roberts who is without doubt one of the finest centre three in the Colony, although he has had to fill a gap at full back for the Club, is held back while Valentine and Lloyd are preferred. That Roberts is superior to either of these two is without

doubt a well known fact, and on his play lately I would have expected Lloyd and put Roberts in to his place.

One good decision the Selection Committee did make was that the pack would be led by Miller, and this should bring the forwards together.

## A SOLID PACK

Incidentally I have it on good authority that the Japanese though only weighing an average of 154 lbs in the pack will show any side of the ball. Being smaller in stature they get the undershove and are trained as a solid pack, and the best chance of local sides getting possession of the ball is in the lineouts. The Japanese when throwing in do not toss it high in the air, but send it straight in like a bullet, depending on the speed of the ball, to give their side a chance of getting to it. The same authority assures me that unless the local XV can get at least 50 per cent share of the ball the Japanese will win, for they are extremely fit, and once the ball has gone along the three line there are fourteen three ready to join in.

There are still three old players who look part in the last Hongkong tour to Japan, and their services should, I feel, be called upon immediately to that the teams facing the Japanese may have some idea on their special modes of play.

On the whole, however, after seeing the efforts of the Selection Committee I am willing to prophesy that unless they take a new line for the Colony XV in Japanese Touring XV will win all their games by spectacular margins.

## TEAMS

Combined Civilian: Johnston (Police), Stevens (Club), Valentine (Club), Lloyd (Police), Salter (Club), O'Kelly (Police), Steward (Club), Williams (Club), Mellan (Club), Langley (Club), Miller (Club), Rose (Police), Penman (Club), Wright (Club), Walker (Police). Reserves: Roberts (Club), D. Miller (Police), Gault (Club), Lewis (Police).

Combined Services: Kay (Navy), Sharpe (Army), King (Army), Riley (Army), Spencer (Navy), Dore (Army), Corner (Navy), de Cordova (Club), Williams (Club), Barker (Army), Crabbe (Army), Judd (Navy), Barker (Army), Green (Army), Jones (Army).

## NON-OFFICIAL

Recently Mr K. A. Watson wrote in to say that certain dates with regard to the Navy winning a Tournament were in error. Apparently Mr Watson is in error himself and this column was right, though there is a very feasible explanation for Mr Watson's mistake.

While he did play in a Tournament in 1941, it appears that since the war was then in full swing, and with so many players having left the Colony for the Forces it was decided to continue the series as far as was possible, but that, like the International home during war time, they would not be officially counted.

Thus while Mr Watson is correct in saying the Navy won the Tournament, he would be more correct to say that the Navy won the unofficial Tournament.

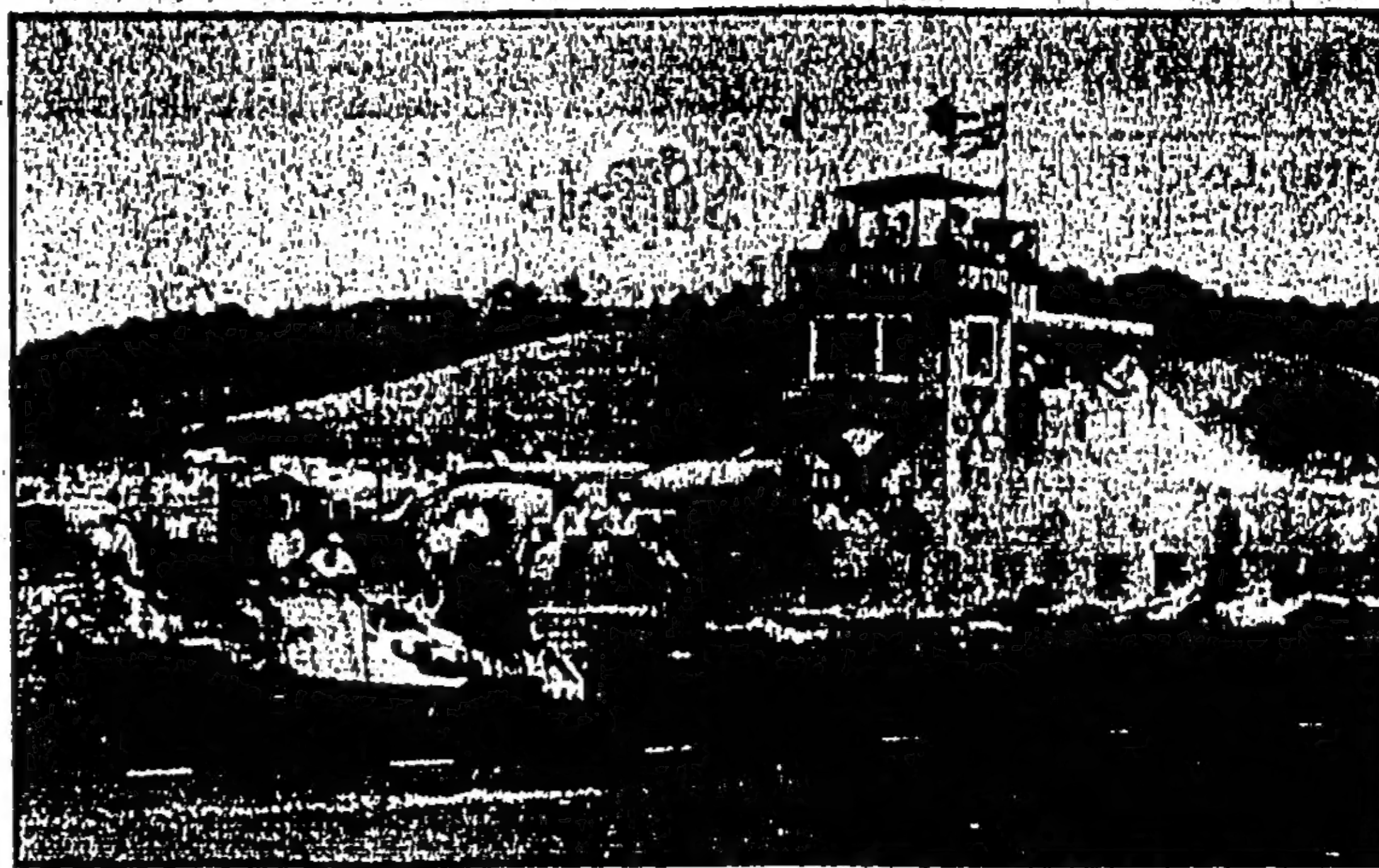
Lately there has been with the greatly anticipated arrival of the Japanese Touring XV been a considerable switching of games scheduled to be played as per the fixture list, and it appears that many people are baffled with so many changes. Therefore to help them, this column will carry up to date revised fixture list covering all the games up to February 27.

## Non-Title Fight Postponed To February 6

Barcelona, Jan. 23. Filipino bantamweight boxer Tanby Campo's non-title fight against Spain's Francisco Canchala has been postponed here until February 6, it was announced today.

The organisers of the boxing programme, which included the Campo-Canchala fight, said they were unable to stage the programme at the Barcelona Sports Palace this month—France-Press.

## DEATH OF A RACING MOTORIST



Picture from Auckland, New Zealand, shows how the British racing motorist, Ken Wharton, lost his life whilst driving a Ferrari in the International Grand Prix. This picture shows the car turning over and Ken Wharton being flung clear amid the bales of hay and oil drums.—Central Press Photo.

## Brasher Not The First To Suggest More Training Centres For Athletes

London, Jan. 23. Few cheques have caused such a stir in sporting circles as did one for £25 which has been written by Chris Brasher, the Olympic Steeplechase winner and Britain's only track gold medalist at the Melbourne Games.

It is the seed that could grow, properly fertilised by other cheques, into a very big tree—the nucleus for British athletic triumphs of the future.

In effect Brasher made his gesture in the nature of a protest against the lack of training facilities for British athletes. But while there is no doubt that the centre will come into being, it is doubtful if the gesture will be of much use.

When remembering the advantages enjoyed by athletes of other countries, particularly on the European continent, it is somewhat strange that no real training centre exists in Britain. But while there is no desire for state controlled athletics, and their accompanying facilities, Brasher is not the first person to suggest that, at the top of the sport in Britain do not do all in their power for the individual.

The up and coming youngsters, or even the raw recruit who may have an idea he would like to go in for athletics, just does not have anywhere to go either to train or to be guided along the right lines.

## A GAMBLE

What Brasher did was to start a gamble, somewhat similar to the premium bonds introduced to the country by Mr Macmillan, Britain's Prime Minister, when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer. Brasher hung down his challenge, with his cheque, in the hope that 99 other people should do the same thing, or that ten organisations wrote similar cheques with the exception that they added a "nought" and made them for £250. Either way a £2,500 fund would be created and that would be enough to finance a training centre.

If the money is forthcoming Brasher "wins" his challenge but surrenders his £25. If not Brasher gets his cheque back (as do any others who have

## AN OFFICIAL SHOCK

Forth FC. line-man John Hutton was "sent off" by the referee in his club's game against Lanark United at Lanark. The referee said he was biased in his decisions and was too demonstrative.

## ENGLISH REFEREES

The Argentine Football Association has decided to employ nine English referees for their 1957 season. Three already there, Messrs. Croes, Lynch and Turner, have had their contracts extended and the FA have been asked to send out six more.

subscribed) but there is no doubt at all that the steeplechase rider hopes fervently that he will "lose" his cheque and that the centre will come into being.

How unselfish is the gesture we know from the fact that Brasher does not want a training centre for himself. He has announced his retirement from big athletics but he is concerned about the future and wants to see youngsters given the chance of indoor training.

It is his dream and he spoke from the experience of having had no place to go when he left Cambridge University and came to London to live. When presented with the Sportsman of the Year trophy recently Brasher must have upset quite a few when he said, before a big audience, apart from millions of TV viewers, that he wished "the administration kept pace with the progress of athletics."

## NO DISGRACE

It was at a luncheon given in his honour by his London Borough that he threw down the gauntlet, with his cheque, and remarked "There is no disgrace whatever in taking a pro-

## League Softball Fixtures

The following are the Softball League fixtures for the week-end:

Saturday, January 26  
2 p.m. Ground A:—S. China v Overseas (George Fung and one other; R. Lau).  
3.30 p.m. Ground A:—Australians v HKU (George Fung and one other; G. Pang).  
Ground B:—Cheung v War Eagles (Chen Yui-lai, Li, Dierker, F. Dierker, J. J.).  
Sunday, January 27  
9.30 a.m. Ground A:—Dodgers v HKU (George Fung and one other; J. Colucci).  
11.30 a.m. Ground A:—S. China v Saints (F. Dierker, B. H. Stewart).  
1.30 p.m. Ground A:—CAA v Warriors (A. G. Li, K. H. Tang).  
3.30 p.m. Ground A:—Pandas v Blackbirds (A. Oliveira, F. Marques; F. Lau).

## From Sun To Smoke

It is a long way from sunny Brazil to smoky Blackburn, but James McQueen has made the Rugby football trip via Argentina. Born in Rio, he was at school in Buenos Aires, and was selected for the National side there. Now this wing three quarter is on a textile course in Lancashire and plays for Blackburn Rugby Club.

## Hart Royal—A Fine Prospect For Grand National

London, Jan. 24. At Lambourn, in Berkshire, they have a Grand National horse on the "breeding list." He loathes visitors, and his trainer, Ian Lomax, has taken precautions to see that he is not disturbed.

This shy steeplechaser, Hart Royal (by Mount Royal-Roe Deer) cost only 400 guineas, but he has won four races and nearly £200 in prize money in 14 months.

Before going to Lambourn, Hart Royal was trained by Mr Lomax's father-in-law, W. F. Ransom, at Wellington, Lincolnshire. He never won a race when with Mr Ransom, whose daughter says gleefully: "He got fed up with him and put him up for sale."

A fortnight after joining the Lomax establishment, Hart Royal, with Mrs Lomax in the saddle, won a "point-to-point" race. He was the stable's first runner under National Hunt rules, and made the occasion a winning one. That was in November 1955 at Towcester, in the Midlands. Since then he has been the stable's most successful inmate.

Mrs Lomax, who has ridden many point-to-point winners, has schooled Hart Royal since he joined her husband's stable, and under her tuition he has developed into a fine Grand National prospect.

The nine-year-old chestnut proved his stamina for the gruelling Aintree race when he finished second in a four miles and one furlong race at Hurst Park, Surrey, last season and, says his owner, "he's too soft for him."

Peter Pliskford, who won on Hart Royal at Worcester recently in the gelding's only race of the season, another "first" in the sequence—will partner him in the Grand National on March 29.—China Mail Special.

## The Cup Cure For Soccer

By Stanley Matthews

There's a lesson for all clubs and players in the crowds who have packed the terraces for this season's Cup games.

It proves that no matter how officials plan for success, it is the men on the field who have the real power in their feet. I have always maintained that if you guarantee 100 per cent football entertainment you will get the crowds.

They knew the other week that the game of the Cup would bring out the best in the players. It was just the tonic the game needed. Even fans disappointed at their own club's failure could not grumble. They got value for money—thrills galore... goals by the dozen.

## CUP SPIRIT

I am sure that if we could inject some of the Cup spirit into the League there would be no complaints that football is becoming dull.

Cup hero for Burnley was 17-year-old Ian Lawson, scorer of four goals in his first big game.

He was seen playing in North-East schools football by a Burnley scout in 1954 and recommended to manager Allan Brown.

But Lawson had two school pals, Jimmy Robson and Ian Towers, and they wanted to join the same club.

Allan Brown took all three. Lawson has made the grade. Robson is ready for a crack at League football, and 15½-year-old Towers is one of the club's brightest prospects. (London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

## Turning On The Heat

Accrington Innovation is a V.I.P. stand at Peel Park, with special roof heaters which insure warmth for visiting officials and home directors in the coldest weather. The idea is to be extended to the public stands when the club can afford it.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fastest 10 Miles By A Briton

Dear Sir.—So Bob Pope has done it again, and better time again. Fifty minutes 25 seconds for the 10 Miles last year and now 45 minutes 18.4 seconds on a slightly altered course. Given the correct distance, that is a record not merely for the Colony but for the whole British Empire as well.

Ian Blincoe's Ten Miles track record for Great Britain stands at 50 minutes 11 seconds and Zatopek's world Ten Miles track record at 48 minutes 12 seconds is only a minute or so better.

Road races are generally faster than track on the level but surely not when they involve 200 feet of steep climbing (for the four laps) as this one does. And note that Ian Blincoe on the road the other day ran his best course time ever in the McClelland Trophy Relay at 4 minutes 35 seconds per mile for the 3½ miles, as compared with Pope's 4 minutes 57 seconds per mile for a whole ten miles.

With these astounding comparisons in mind I have just measured this year's course with a cycle wheel, walking it by the exact route I took myself in the race week, which was presumably the same as Bob Pope's.

From the circuit to the finishing line at the school it is 21 yards short and the other circuits, by previous measurement, are almost the same as the finishing circuit.

This means that Pope covered 85 yards, say 14 seconds, less than ten miles. So the comparisons still stand. All we need now, to clinch the formalities, is that he should do the Ten Miles on the line Government Stadium track, when I have no doubt he would turn in an equally notable performance.

One should certainly add that the second and third, Westo (55m 9.3s) and Chan Hung-man (55m 22.3s) and the fourth too (Chao Shu-bun, 57m 51m) were all very fine performances.

The best performance of Peter West, Hongkong's previous best and a near international performer, was over 54 minutes. And two years ago the race was won by Chan King-yin in 60 minutes 34.9 secs., not a slow performance either for the course.

Most satisfying, I suggest, is the fact that Hongkong's local men show such great improvement due in part, I am sure, to the fine example by the competitors from the Forces.

G. S. KENNEDY SKIPTON.

## Ferenc Puskas Denies Report He's Returning Home

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 23. Ferenc Puskas, captain of the Hungarian international football team, denied today Budapest report that he would return to Hungary towards the end of February.

Puskas, who is now with the Hungarian "Red Star" team touring South America, said he had not made any statement regarding his return to Hungary.

The Hungarian team manager, Emil Ostertreicher, said that after the South American tour, each of his players would individually try to find a place in European clubs.

Ostertreicher said he had refused an offer from the Argentine "Atletico Platense Club" to integrate the entire "Hungary" team into its club.—France-Press.

## Indians Share Honours With Burma At Soccer

Rangoon, Jan. 23. India's Olympic football team drew 4-4 with selected Burma team here today after an interval score of 1-2.

Neville de Souza, at centre-forward scored three times for India.—Reuters.

## THE GAMBOLES



## ICE HOCKEY

Helsinki, Jan. 23. The Finnish Ice Hockey Association announced today that Finland will take part in the World Ice Hockey Championships in Moscow from February 24 to March 3.—China Mail Special.

In the women's evening sessions Hongkong is pitted against Vietnam and Taiwan against the Philippines.

The team championships continue until Sunday, January 27. The singles matches start on Tuesday, January 29.—France-Press.



## SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES

## IMPROVED DIZZY SHOWS GOLD CUP PROMISE

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

One of the most spectacular performances of any steeplechaser this season was the victory of Mrs. John Thursby's Dizzy in the Emblem Steeplechase at Manchester in November. Dizzy had a light weight, and was receiving 18 lb. from Cruachan.

Dizzy, however, was only a six-year-old at the time, and comparatively inexperienced. He had his first race ever under Irish National Hunt rules on the same day as Doorknocker made his first appearance.

It was at Leopardstown in November, rather more than a year ago, Doorknocker beat him by 10 lengths, but it was obvious that Dizzy was the more backward of the two.

In Ireland this season Dizzy has shown considerable promise, but it was thought that his jumping had room for improvement. For this reason there was not quite the confidence behind him at Manchester that could have been otherwise expected.

## MAGNIFICENT

In the race he put up a magnificent performance and he was always going like a winner after the horses passed the stands for the last time. In other words, in the last mile and a half he was dominating the field and he finally won by 12 lengths.

On the form as it stands he may not appear a prospective Gold Cup candidate for Limber Hill, who was favourite that day, was a long way below par and the other entries were handicappers.

However, Dizzy is a young horse just starting to realise what racing is all about—and is trained by Tom Drepper, who is just as much an expert in judging National Hunt candidates as Vincent O'Brien.

## REVIVED

Tom Drepper also has the revived Royal Approach in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, and this nine-year-old was once expected to prove the best chaser ever owned by the late Lord Bicester. He was recently beaten by Quare Times at Leopardstown.

Of the two I expect Dizzy to prove the more formidable can-

didate in the Gold Cup and, if an attacking policy is adopted, Dizzy will not be easy to beat, in spite of the strength of the O'Brien team, which includes Stroller, Sam Brownthorn, Virgilus, Quare Times, Boys Hurrah and Mirabelle.

In view of the accidents to so many of the English horses it is impossible at this stage to judge an English-trained horse capturing the Gold Cup at Cheltenham on March 14.

Two items stand out in the present betting controversy of bookmaker v. tote. First, it will take successful executives a long time to get from the tote sums equivalent to those paid them by course bookmakers and by the people who are on the racecourse simply because of the course bookmakers.

These people would not be there but for the course bookmakers.

Secondly, and far more important, many starting-price bookmakers have no intention at all of helping racing voluntarily and they will use every method available to avoid compulsory aid for the sport from which they get their living.

Probably the most fallacious statement in the whole argument is that the machine cannot lose but the bookmaker can. If ever you see a poor bookmaker it is because he has turned back as well.

## REFUSAL

A bookmaker can get rid of any bets which are likely to embarrass him right up to the off by phone, and as a final resort, of course, they can refuse your bet outright.

Bookmakers have very few winning clients at the end of each year, and they seem to resent even those who do win.

Not long ago one of the leading bookmakers closed the accounts of all backers who had any sort of success with him. Starting-price bookmakers are at present telling the small punter that he is the man who is going to have to pay for any sums that the bookmaker is going to give towards the upkeep of racing.

## PAYS ENOUGH

Surely the punter pays enough already in keeping the bookmaker on a high standard of living.

It is generally assumed, quite erroneously, that the machine can take out more than the starting-price bookmaker from the pockets of the punters. But whereas the machine takes out 10 per cent at the moment, some starting-price bookmakers can offer a shilling in the pound and sometimes 2s. in the pound (10 p.c.) just for other bookmakers to collect bets for them.

They make their own profits even after this.

These starting-price bookmakers have had at least six years' warning to organise some scheme by which they could become more respected by racegoers generally.

They have failed absolutely.

On the other hand, practically everyone is agreed that the course bookmaker is essential to

racing, but improvement could be made. At the moment the whole thing is too haphazard.

An unusually large number of 1956 three-year-olds will remain in training for the coming flat-racing season. These include the first three in the three-year-old Free Handicap—Tulgo, Donald and Hornbeam.

In addition, Gillen de Reuz and French Beige, all of whom had 9st. or more in the Free Handicap, will be running.

However, it is the stayers with which I wish to deal today—Donald Hornbeam and French Beige.

At present Donald appears far the best of these, although he has only been assessed 11b. above Hornbeam.

The Free Handicap is run over a distance of a mile, and a half, and I have no doubt that the handicapper, Mr. Geoffrey Freer, would have given a different version if he had had to handicap them over two miles or more.

## IMPROVEMENT

Whereas Donald appeared far the better by the end of the season, there must be some prospects of Hornbeam and French Beige improving during the winter. And of the two I would expect French Beige to make the greatest improvement.

He finished a length and a half behind Hornbeam in the St. Leger and has been assessed at 5lb. behind him by Mr. Freer.

It is not a very fair assessment, because over a distance of a ground 5lb. is worth more than a length and a half.

Moreover, I would expect French Beige to prove the better stayer of the two, and as a candidate for Cup races beyond two miles he makes rather more appeal than Hornbeam.

Hornbeam certainly appeared something of a plodder, but on a galloping course he could produce quite a useful turn of finishing speed, and even in the Decoy he was flying at the finish.

## FINE PERFORMANCE

Donald may have been lucky to have beaten Zaratustra in the Jockey Club. In that, Zaratustra broke down in the closing stages of the race.

But despite that it was a fine performance. Donald had been making steady improvement all the season, and there was no possibility of him being overrated. He is a high-class genuine stayer.

I shall be surprised, however, if there is a great deal between Donald and French Beige next season in the Cup races beyond two miles.

Both should prove worthy representatives of the British thoroughbred against the formidable French challenge.

## CHANGE OF FORM

In their first nine games in the Jubilee (Birmingham) League this season, Quilnones were beaten every time, netted only twice and had 104 goals scored against them. They suddenly broke this depressing run by beating Quilnones 7-1, to the surprise of both teams.

## WHO PICKS YOUR TEAM?



HACKETT The Grand Inquisitor.

## Managers Trill 'We Do It... (Almost) Alone'

## DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

THE football world of England is this very day stirring with stout-hearted managers who stand up boldly and fearlessly affirm: 'I am the boss. Win, lose, or draw the credits or discredits are all mine.'

That was the heartening story as I made a coast-to-coast tour of these sporting isles the other day asking: Who picks the team at your club?

From top-of-the-world, top-of-the-League Manchester United the answer was simply: Matt Busby. And as the call went round and round the big boys at the top, they answered the who-picks-the-team register: Arsenal, Jack Crayston; Wolverhampton, Stan Cullis; Preston, Cliff Britton; Blackpool, Joe Smith.

The club managers in the chilly exposed wastes at the foot of the First Division and selection a little less free.

Trevor Morris of Cardiff picks a team for discussion with the Chairman of the Board, who may decide on slight variations. Star-spangled Sunderland allow manager Bill Murray to submit his selection to the board. But Charlton Athletic leave it to Jimmy Trotter to ring the changes.

When it comes to football democracy there's no team like Everton. When the Board saw Chief Coach Ian Buchan was doing very nicely thank you, they told him: 'The team's all yours.'

## THE NOTTINGHAM WAY

THE Second Division probe reveals it is the strong, silent man Dave Halliday who does the picking at Leicester and that smart young man about Soccer, Frank Taylor, compiles his own team who's who at Stoke City.

Billy Walker, boss man at Nottingham Forest, says he has been ordering his own eleven for almost a quarter of a century. Liverpool assembled nine directors, all prepared to be advised by team manager Phil Taylor. Pity they do not call in the trainer and then they could run their own eleven.

Roaming down to the relegation range, we discover Bristol City leave it to Pat Beasley. Port Vale, now being rendered managerless, have to leave it to the directors.

Bury's team-naming is done by manager Dave Russell, aided and abetted by the chairman and one director.

Nottingham County are rather preoccupied trying to pick their manager, let alone their team.

If you want to test the proof of the picking being in the playing, observe the head lads of the Southern aspect of the Third Division. Manager Ted Bates of Southampton and bright new boy Benny Fenton of Colchester can both proudly say of their team line-ups: All my own work.

Manager Jack Rowley, struggling with Plymouth Argyle, is offered team suggestions by his directors.

## SAME ON PLATFORM 24

IN the tough areas of the Northern Section of the Third Division, promotion-chasing Derby County directors name their team on advice from manager Harry Storer. Bradford City leave it all to Peter Jackson.

Calling at Crewe, who are standing on platform number 24, the team is announced by manager Maurice Lindley—after consultation with the board.

It all seems as though stories of the directors sitting back with spat-warmed feet on the table, doing little else but taking in the odd Havana and now-restoring Scotch, look like being true.

Between the telephone lines I learned that although many managers were permitted to pick the team, it did not always follow that their eleven would appear in action.

But the directors are not always as smart as they think. One wanted to switch one player for another. The manager, having dived briskly into the cubby hole, emerged to lament: 'Pity we could not make that improvement, but so-and-so is unfit.'

Seems that managers are often much smarter than their directors are able to observe.

Anyhow, the fans singing from Plymouth to Sunderland know who is due for the bouquets and the brickbats. The team-makers are all there, well, that's what the man said.

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## A Mere Bagatelle

When Newcastle beat Sunderland's team of all the 'stars' recently, United director Stan Seymour was boasting that his club was turning away from the ready-made players and cultivating young talent. Quite true, Newcastle had fielded a majority of local youngsters, but what Mr Seymour overlooked was that the side had still cost £75,000!

## DIRECTOR-DRIVER

Another milestone was passed for Rotherham United director Cyril Smart when he pulled the team coach up to the Cup there. Mr Smart is the charabanc owner and drives the players to all away matches. When he reached Bristol he had driven them 60,000 miles.

## GIFT GOALS

Kington Recreation won their Hull Amateur League match against Blackburn Welfare by 2-2 without scoring a goal. Answer to that riddle is that all their goals were presented to them by Blackburn defenders deflecting into their own net.

## LOOKING AT SPORT

## Sport Asks The Chancellor To Wave His Wand

By DENNIS HART

Britain's political upheaval has made more than the front page of newspapers this week. Comment has filtered through to the sports pages at the back. It has surrounded one name—Mr Peter Thorneycroft.

Mr Thorneycroft is the new Chancellor of the Exchequer. British sport sees him as a possible fairy godmother. A wave of his magic wand could end the curse which threatens, if not to kill, at least to cripple British sport.

The curse is the entertainment tax. In 1952 this was doubled and now many professional sports pay between one-fifth and one-third of their gate money to the Treasury.

This is the result:

Three-quarters of Britain's League soccer clubs are losing money. Unless the position improves some face bankruptcy. And as gates continue to slump, clubs cannot look to the paying spectators for help.

Boring and speedway are further on the rocks. Their big close-down has already begun.

## SPEEDWAY CLUBS

There are now only 16 speedway clubs in Britain. Four years ago there were 30. And if the tax is not reduced, organised speedway will cease to exist in Britain after this summer.

In boxing, the figures speak for themselves. In 1952, 708 tournaments were held in Britain. That was before the tax went up. Last year the number of tournaments went down to under 300.

Most of the shows that have gone under have been the smaller ones. These are the life blood of the game where would-be champions learn their trade.

This drastic reduction in the number of small shows means that Britain has less talent to call on. And those boxers who do get fights and those who

become champions find themselves holding titles while they are still little better than novices. For they exhaust all the opposition in a dozen or so fights.

Being champions, they naturally look to further honours, and their lack of experience is often painfully exposed. Witness the bitter humiliations in American rings recently of Middleweight Champion Pat McAlear and Empire Heavyweight Champion Joe Bygraves.

And if the entertainment tax were abolished?

For football, it would mean that every one of the clubs that last year showed a financial loss would make a profit—even if gate money did not rise. For none of the losses were as great as the amount each club paid in tax.

For speedway, it would put the sport back on its feet, with more clubs to revive the essential healthy competition.

## A REVIVAL

For boxing, it could mean a British revival.

Mr Thorneycroft is not a sports fan. That being so, the cynics are saying there is little likelihood that the letters sent

to him by Britain's sporting authorities will get any more sympathetic hearings than the ones sent to his predecessor, the new Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan.

But it is Mr Thorneycroft's job to swell the Exchequer. He won't do that by taxing sport out of existence. That would defeat his aim.

The best thing, if Mr Thorneycroft insists on taking money from sport, is for him to reduce the tax. This would mean more sport. More sport would mean more tax.

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## FIT AT FIFTY

Fifty-two years old and still playing good class rugby football. That is the record of Cyril Green of the Birmingham Club. He is the hooker and assistant secretary. Yet he was playing for Lydney 20 years ago and has played in Canada and the United States. He has 38 medals for life-saving competitions, and in addition to Rugby and swimming, horses regularly at the Birmingham Institute.

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

## SEVENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 19th and Saturday 26th January, 1957.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 16 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable from the Club's Cash Sweep Office, at Queen's Building, Chater Road only on the written introduction of a Member, who will be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$2.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

## SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

## CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$10.00 each per day and \$32.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), and 5, D'Aguilar Street during normal office hours and until 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday morning will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any right whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

## SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 26th January 1957, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office.

## TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the 'all clear' signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. Arnold, Secretary.

## FROM DEFENCE TO ATTACK

Kelth Parkinson was one of the best goalkeepers in the Rosedale (Lanes) Youth League last season. He captained Alder Grange from that position and they won both League and Cup. This season they found themselves with two goalkeepers and no centre-forward. So Kelth moved to centre-forward, is the League's leading scorer, has been chosen for the Youth representative side, and has just scored six goals in a match.

## NOTICE

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup

Saturday, 26th January, 1957.

Over 1,400,000 tickets sold to date.

The sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on 26th January, 1957, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.

5 D'Aguilar Street, at 5.00 p.m.

Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 26th January, 1957.

By Order of the Stewards, PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO. Treasurers.

## NOTICE

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 8th Race Meeting 1956/57 to be held on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th February, 1957, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 29th January, 1957.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. Arnold, Secretary.

## Sports Diary

## TODAY

Colony Bicycle Championships at Kai Tak Ranges, 9.30 a.m.  
Soccer  
Chinese Football Association meeting at Tai Tung Restaurant, 7 p.m.  
Badminton  
Men's 'C' Division Young & Old v. Tai Koo, CCC v. KTC, Kin Tong v. RAF.

## TOMORROW

Colony Bicycle Championships at Kai Tak Ranges, 9.30 a.m.

## SATURDAY

Colony Bicycle Championships at Kai Tak Ranges, 9.30 a.m.

Racing  
Second day of the Seventh Race Meeting.

Division 1—Rugby v. Army 'S'; INC v. CCC; Police v. HKCC; 'Optimists' Army 'M' v. Navy; KCC v. RAF.

Division 2—Army 'S' v. Recreation; KGV School v. Army 'N'; RAF v. DBS; Navy v. HKU 'A'.

Soccer  
Division 1—Club v. Kiteebie (Club) 2.30 p.m.; Eastern v. St. Joseph's (Club) 2 p.m.; Gymnastics v. Tai Koo (Club) 2 p.m.; Prisoners v. Jardines (Club) 4 p.m.; RAF v. Navy v. Telephone (Club) 4 p.m.; REME v. D & S (Club) 4 p.m.

Division 2—Dodovella v. C & W (Club) 2.30 p.m.; Ruff v. Alfrist (Club) 2.30 p.m.; Redfurn v. Caroline Hill (Club) 4 p.m.

Rugby  
Navy v. Army 'N' (B) 3 p.m.; RAF Club (Sookunpo) 3 p.m.; Army 'S' v. Police (Sookunpo) 4.15 p.m.

## NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1 Nags  
2 Extruding trade  
3 Round the course  
4 Triumphant  
5 A tin can is  
6 Italian car  
7 Motor  
8 High powered boat  
9 Racing car  
10 Race course  
11 German car  
12 Ability

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## NEW INDOCTRINATION DRIVE IN RUSSIAN FORCES

By JOHN RETTIE

Moscow, Jan. 23.

A new drive is under way within the Soviet armed forces to intensify Communist indoctrination and suppress "bourgeois ideology hostile to the Soviet Union."

There has been not the slightest suggestion in the Army and Navy newspapers here of any open protests, mutinies or defections in the Soviet armed forces in Hungary or anywhere else.

But the Soviet Army newspaper Red Star has found it necessary to warn its readers against "the malicious wills of reactionary foreign propaganda" and to demand "loyalty to the principles of proletarian internationalism."

**ACHIEVEMENTS**  
It was this "duty to the international proletariat" which the Soviet Communist Party has repeatedly declared, made it necessary to crush the Hungarian rebels and "defend the achievements of socialism" with the might of the Red Army.

Any doubts about the "principles of proletarian internationalism" in the army could obviously, therefore, not be tolerated.

The chief moral quality demanded of Soviet servicemen, Red Star declared in a leading article, is "profound ideological conviction, which means unshakable faith in the justness of the cause of the Communist Party and unbounded loyalty to the ideas of Marxism-Leninism."

Red Star indicated that the new drive is to be carried out mainly by junior officers, as the people most able to exert a direct influence on the troops.

**CONVICTIONS**  
"The ideological conviction of Soviet officers is the result of the tremendous work carried on by the Communist Party in educating our military personnel," the newspaper pointed out.

It is therefore, the newspaper said, the duty of the officers to "exert ideological influence on subordinates," to increase their "political sense" and their "feeling of personal responsibility for carrying out both their military duty to their country and their international duty."

Red Star told officers that they must "profoundly understand the great and noble character of the class tasks of the armed forces of the Soviet Union" and that they must, as an example, "never avoid unhealthy attitudes or incorrect interpretations of any political questions, and explain such questions from a position of Marxism-Leninism and social ideology."

**GRAVE WARNING**  
Ideological conviction, it continued, forms the "basis of an intolerant attitude to the least appearance of bourgeois ideology hostile to us or to distortion of Marxist-Leninist teaching."

Finally, it gave this grave warning and exhortation to officers and men: "The ideologists of imperialism do all they can to poison the workers' minds with the venom of uncertainty in the cause of communism, and to undermine the profound respect and sympathy of all peoples for our country and the Soviet armed forces."

"The Communist Party demands that all of us, including military personnel, should carry on an active, resolute struggle against bourgeois ideology, should expose the

malicious wills of reactionary foreign propaganda and educate Soviet people in a spirit of patriotic love for their country and loyalty to the principles of proletarian internationalism."

A similar picture of indoctrination of ideological indoctrination emerges from reports on Communist Party and Komsomol (Communist Youth League) conferences held in various units.

**SEVERELY CRITICISED**  
The newspaper Soviet Fleet, in a report of a Komsomol conference in one of the Navy's higher technical training institutes, noted that "participants of the conference severely criticised shortcomings in the political training of future officers."

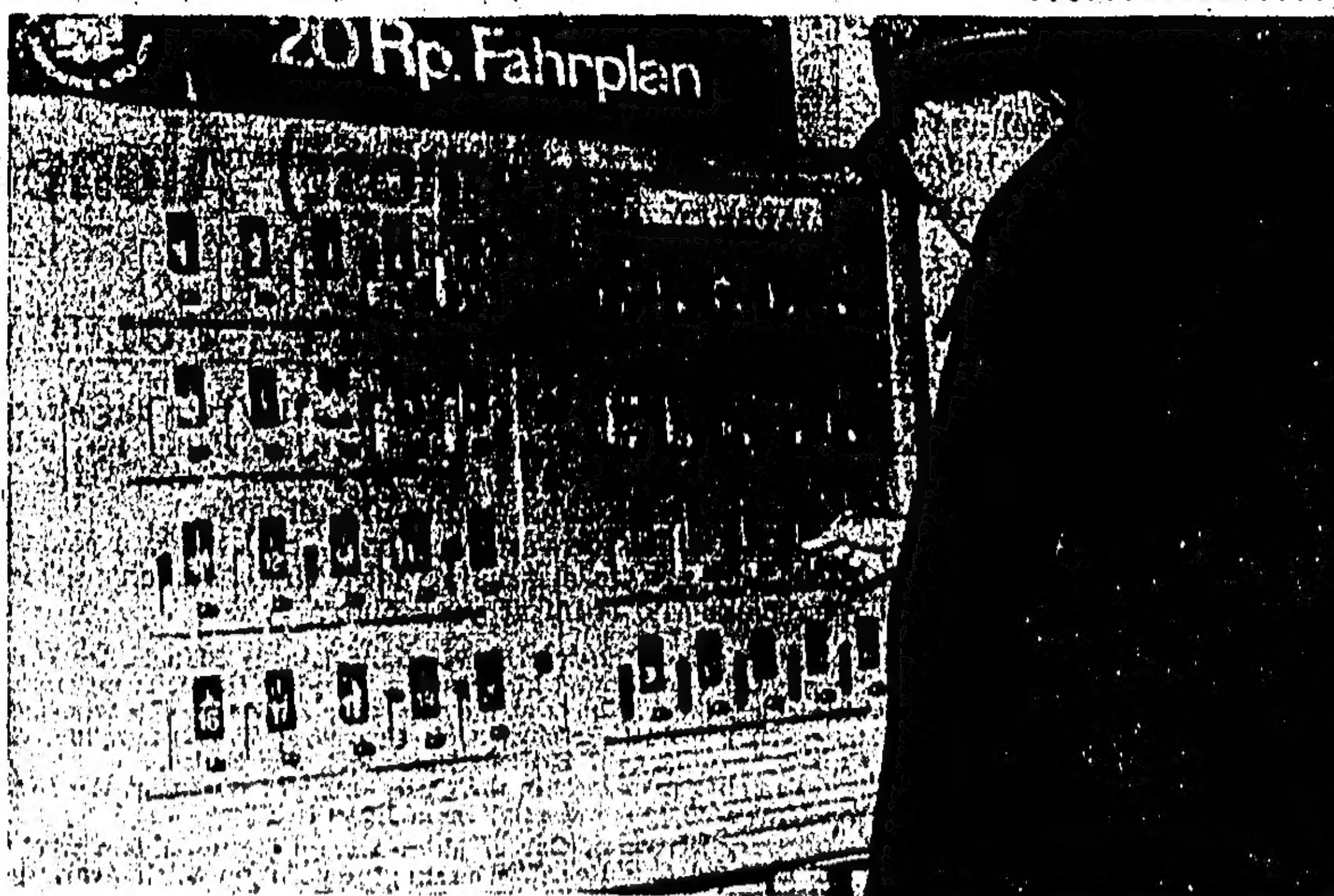
"It must not be forgotten that any weakening in our militant agitation and propaganda," it added, "weakens the struggle against bourgeois and petty bourgeois ideology which penetrates our country from abroad. Questions put by young people must not be left unanswered."

Party and Komsomol propagandists must, if necessary, "resolutely begin arguments, refute in public and convincingly show the harm of any incorrect expressions of opinion."

**UNIT COMMANDERS**  
Red Star said that speakers at a Communist Party conference in an unnamed unit called for "a more attentive attitude to Marxist-Leninist teaching on the part of young communists, and especially unit commanders."

This drive for intensified indoctrination is part of a wider campaign in all spheres of activity to tighten up ideological discipline and nip in the bud any deviation from party line.—China Mail Special.

## AUTOMATIC RAILWAY TIMETABLE



## Czech-Soviet Discussions

Prague, Jan. 23.

A Czechoslovak Government delegation including seven top-ranking officials, headed by President Václav Zaprtoček, left here by special train today for Moscow on a five-day visit to the Soviet Union.

The delegation, which also included Premier Antonín Široký, and Foreign Minister, Václav David, were to have "political and economic" discussions with Soviet leaders.

The delegation also included Communist Party chief, Antonín Novotný, first Vice-Premier Václav Kopecký, Defence Minister General Bohumír Lomský, Foreign Trade Minister, Richard Dvorský, and half a dozen other dignitaries. They were expected to arrive in Moscow tomorrow.—France-Press.

The new automatic timetable machine which has been installed in the main railway station of Zurich, for a 20 centime coin, the machine issues a printed slip giving required information on any selected train journey—times of arrival and departure, connections, and details of hotels and restaurants en route.—Express Photo.

## Anglo-Jordan Talks Next Month

Amman, Jan. 23.

Mr. Suleiman Nabulsi, the Prime Minister of Jordan, said today that a special committee has been established to open negotiations on the termination of the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty.

The Prime Minister said yesterday that negotiations to end the treaty, evacuate British forces and liquidate British bases would begin next month.

Under the 1948 treaty, which was due to run until 1958, Britain pays about £12,000,000 sterling annually to Jordan. Britain has troops and an air base in the kingdom. Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia agreed in Cairo last Saturday to replace Britain's financial aid to Jordan.—Reuter.

## Boy Kidnapped

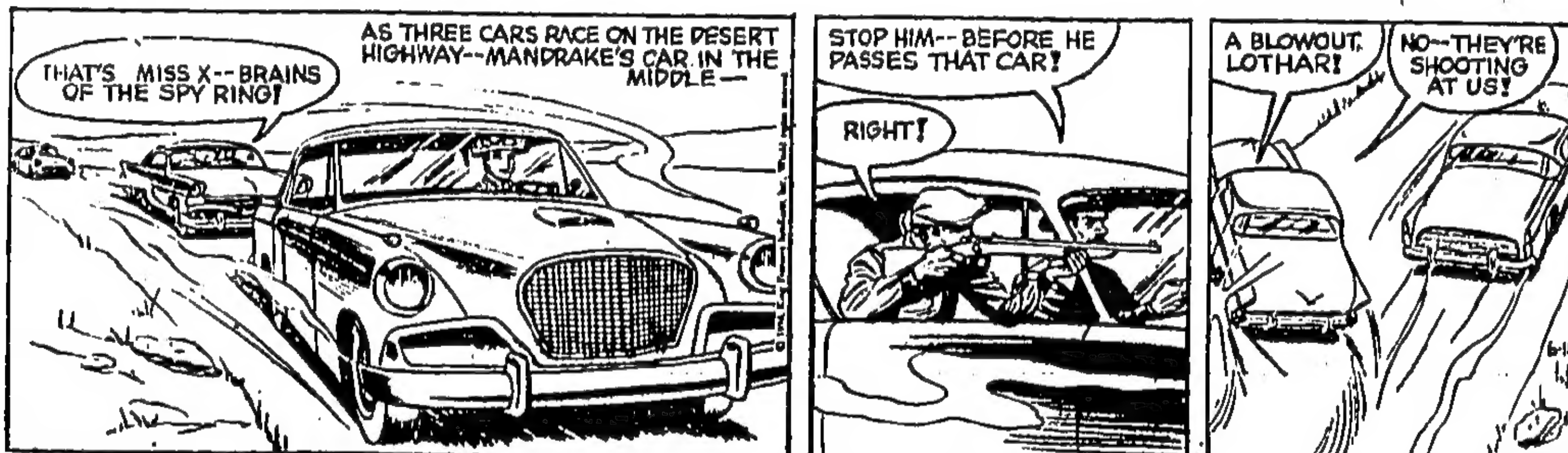
Warsaw, Jan. 24.

Unknown people kidnapped the 12-year-old son of Boleslaw Placotki, President of the Pax Catholic Organisation, on Wednesday and later in the day demanded over the telephone that Placotki pay a ransom of nearly US\$250,000 for his return.

Militia, who rushed into action immediately after Placotki reported the kidnapping, refused on Wednesday night to give any information concerning their investigations.—France-Press.

## MANDRAKE: THE MACICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



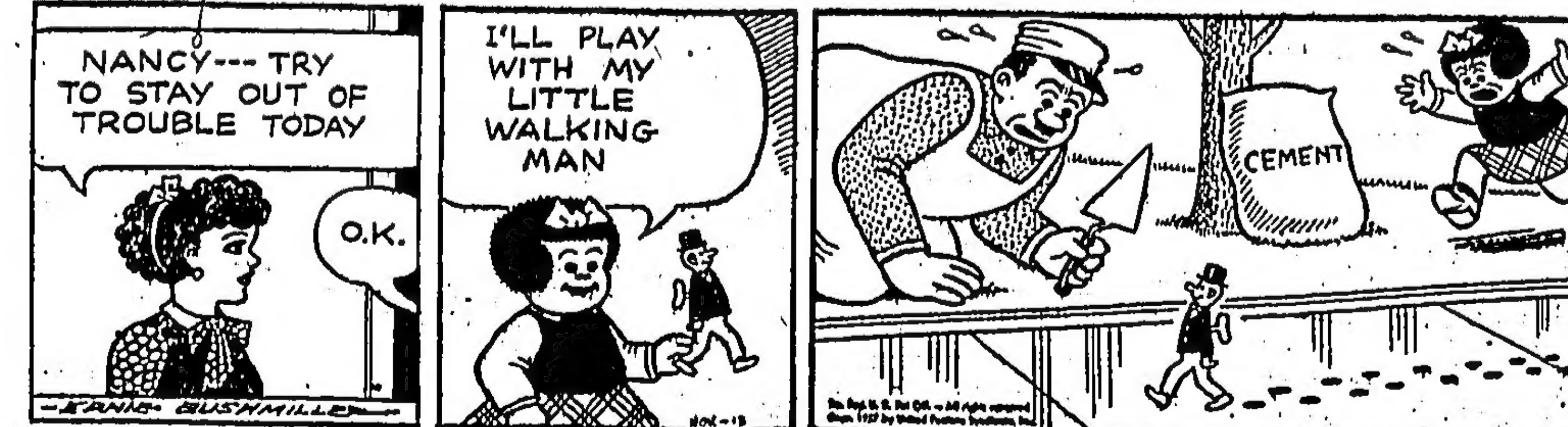
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## Move To Abolish Life Sentence

### DEATH PENALTY WENT IN 1944

Rome, Jan. 23.

A move to abolish life imprisonment is slowly gaining support in Italy, where the Penal Code is already among the world's most lenient in its attitude to murder.

The death penalty was abolished in Italy after the collapse of fascism in 1944. But even during the Fascist regime, only those found guilty of particularly atrocious murders were condemned to death, and executed by a firing squad.

Now, the only place on the Italian peninsula where a person can be condemned to death legally in peacetime is the Vatican City. The Vatican's Code lays down that anyone "who makes attempts upon the life of the Pope or the Supreme Pontiff" is liable to the death penalty.

are expected to ask Parliament to debate the question in the near future. In addition, they say that they will ask Italy's newly set up Constitutional Court (which deals with matters concerning the Constitution) for a ruling.

### Public Debate

At a public debate in Venice recently on whether or not life imprisonment should be abolished, the majority of jurists, lawyers, prison governors, doctors and priests who attended agreed that life imprisonment is a vindictive rather than a re-educational penalty and moved that it be abolished.

The abolitionists have also organised discussions in television programmes and in the newspapers.

They argue that: There are at present 893 people serving terms of life imprisonment in Italy. At least 30 per cent are mental cases. Some were mad or mentally backward when they committed the crime which sent them to prison for life; the others became mentally unbalanced in prison.

In addition, the majority of them suffer from stomach ulcers, partly caused by their prison diets and partly by what participants at the Venice Forum described as "excessive brooding on their state."

### Hands Chained

When a life prisoner is moved from one prison to another, he travels in a steel-lined train cell, with a barred window measuring five square inches. His hands are chained together (chains are used instead of handcuffs in Italy). He is not allowed to leave this cell, which becomes a refrigerator in winter and a furnace in summer, throughout the journey.

But above all, the abolitionists claim, the life prisoner is deprived of that all-important thing in life—hope. A pardon is only possible after his birthday, or after 30 years in prison, and only in exceptional cases is a pardon granted.

Amnesties do not affect him. The anti-abolitionists argue that the Italian Code is not very harsh with murderers. Only in a case of multiple murder and particularly vicious killings do Italian judges pass life sentences. For so-called "crimes of passion," terms of 10 or 15 years, which may subsequently be reduced by good behaviour or by amnesties, are the rule rather than the exception.

A good proportion of convicts serving life terms are South Italian bandits with "many notches on their guns," the anti-abolitionists declare.

### Middle Course

Many lawyers, taking a middle course, have said recently that the present laws concerning life imprisonment should be amended to allow a revision of each case after a certain number of years in prison. If the prisoner's conduct has been consistently good, or his health has deteriorated, dangerously, a pardon, or at least "conditional freedom" should be considered. Signor Eugenio Persico, lawyer and former prison governor, who recently wrote a book on the subject, summed it up like this: "If life imprisonment cannot be abolished, the life prisoners should at least be given legal grounds to hope that one day they may be able to emerge from this sepulchre of the living."—China Mail Special.

## Hungarian Bishops Meet

Paris, Jan. 23.

The Hungarian Episcopal Council today opened in Budapest its first conference since the Soviet military intervention in Hungary last November 4.

The meeting, reported by Budapest radio, was presided over by Bishop Joseph Grozer, Bishop of Kalocsa. Bishop Grozer, who was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment in June, 1951, was amnestied in May, 1956, and became President of the Hungarian Episcopal Council. Budapest radio said the meeting of the bishops would last for two days, but did not indicate the purpose of the conference.—France-Press.

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## FRY'S 4 FAVORITES

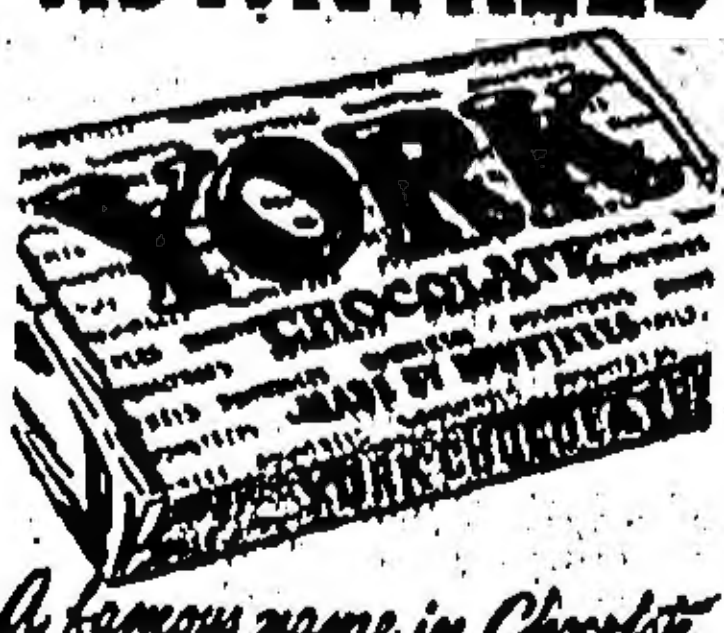


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## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

PARIS FAIR  
TO BE HELD  
NEXT MAY

Paris, Jan. 23. A record number of more than 13,000 exhibitors from 40 countries will take in this year's Paris fair to be held from May 26 to June 10.

The French nationalized industries—gas, coal, electricity, and atomic energy—are to stage a concerted display of French power resources.

In the international section, a United States pavilion for peace exhibition will occupy a separate pavilion, while Russian oil drilling rigs and a wide range of Italian and Vietnamese products will occupy national pavilions.

The other foreign exhibitors, including West Germany, the East German Chamber of Commerce, Greece, Hungary, Mexico, Poland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Uruguay will show in the main exhibition hall, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are sharing a joint "Benelux" stand.

The Paris fair is sponsored jointly by the City's municipality and the Paris Chamber of Commerce.—China Mail Special.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unimpaired exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 607 Sterling (per £1) 16.10 Australian (per £1) 12.65 Indonesian (per 100) 13.80 Singapore (per 100) 21.80

WALL STREET  
WIPES OUT  
EARLY LOSSES

New York, Jan. 23. Stocks managed further improvements which erased the final traces of Monday's loss but, except for special groups and issues, the gains were far from spectacular.

The market took in its stride President Eisenhower's economic report in about what had been expected, anticipating continuing prosperity but warning of uncertainties of the international situation, pressure of costs and prices and the money market.

In the main trading was routine except for a few selected issues such as Peoples Gas whose 7-point apurt to \$178 helped lift utilities .08 point on average to their best level since August 17.

Industrials as a group averaged 2.44 points gain. Gains of a point or more appearing in American Smelting, Bethlehem Steel, Eastman Kodak, Du Pont, John-Manville, Standard Oil of California.

## Shipbuilding

Shipbuilding shares continued to meet demand with gains of around 2 points in American and New York, over a point in Newport News and Bath Iron Works.

Motors were firm. Most steels also were firm. A number of specials rose around 2 points or more—American Sugar Refining, National Supply, Copper Beecham, Seagrave, A. O. Smith, Safeway Stores, Crompton Tractor, General Portland Cement, Zenith.

Of a total 1,160 issues appearing, 612 were higher, 291 lower, 247 unchanged with 10 at new highs, 11 at new lows.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,650,000. American Stock Exchange volume was \$50,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	419.03
20 Rails	150.17
15 Utilities	102.20
45 Stocks & Bonds	170.12
40 Bonds	90.11
Comm. future price index	100.53
Comm. spot price index	100.25
Moody's index	435.00

## Closing Prices

Allen Inc. Acy.	10 1/2
Allied Chemical	30 1/2
Allied Mills Inc.	30 1/2
Allis Chalmers	24 1/2
American Alkali	1 1/2
American Cable & Radio	6 1/2
American Cyanamide Co.	14 1/2
Am. & Foreign Power	18 1/2
Am. Mach. & Tool	25 1/2
American Metal	27 1/2
American Smelting	35 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	35 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2
American Tob.	17 1/2
Airco	30 1/2
Armco Steel	30 1/2
Armstrong	30 1/2
Atlas Corp.	30 1/2
Atlas Copco	30 1/2
Baldwin-Lima-Ham.	14 1/2
Bath Iron Works	14 1/2
Bendix Aviation Corp.	14 1/2
Borg-Warner	14 1/2
Bushnell	14 1/2
Boeing Airplane	14 1/2
Borden (Tire) Co.	14 1/2
Burrhead Ad. Machine	14 1/2
Canadian Pacific	14 1/2

## Egyptian Economic Plan

Big Spending  
By Canada

Ottawa, Jan. 23. A near record spending by the Canadian Government during the coming fiscal year was indicated in its main 1957/58 estimates tabled in the House of Commons.

The Finance Minister called on Parliament for an outlay of \$5,220,000,000. The all time record for Federal spending was \$5,422 million in the 1943/44 war year. The peacetime high was \$4,705,535,000 for the fiscal year ending last March.—China Mail Special.

Manganese  
Concession

New York, Jan. 23. Vanadium Corp. of America has been granted a large additional manganese concession in Northern Rhodesia. It was announced today.

The concession, to be known as the Chilli East Manganese Area, comprises about 2,400 square miles and is located near the 200-square-mile manganese concession purchased by Vanadium in September 1955.—United Press.

Outlined  
GOVERNMENT  
WILL DIRECT  
PRIVATE ASPECTS

Cairo, Jan. 23. The tasks of the new Egyptian planning authorities, the Supreme Council for National Planning and the National Planning Committee, have now been outlined by Cairo radio.

"The Supreme Council for National Planning will be concerned with setting down the State's economic and social objectives, and approving the plan for economic promotion in its various stages. Each stage of the national plan will include a group of specific projects and programmes which will require a fixed number of years to complete. These stages will be divided into annual plans which will show the State's resources, the manner of their utilization, the means of execution, and the programmes and projects which may be needed in directing the progress of the economy. This council will review the Planning Committee.

"So far the general outline of the plan has been set down and work has begun on the five-year plan in various public and private aspects. The Government will take over the public aspects. In the private aspects the government's role will be one of guidance, to safeguard the people's general interests, by studying the projects and assisting in financing them."

## Promote Economy

"A law was promulgated on January 13 for the creation of the economic establishment intended to promote the national economy through commercial, industrial, agricultural and financial activity. The establishment will act for the Government as a planning and supervising public establishment in a manner ensuring the interests of the national economy, and in laying down the programmes which will ensure the regulation of government participation in public and private enterprises. The establishment will also set down a policy for the investment and management of its funds. The establishment's capital consists of the Government's share in the capital of joint-stock companies and in the capital of public establishments whose objectives include commercial, industrial, agricultural and agrarian activity. An order will be issued by the President of the Republic fixing the establishment's capital."

"To achieve its objectives the establishment may set up commercial, financial, industrial, agricultural or agrarian companies or organizations. It may also contract loans from the Government or banks and issue bonds to obtain the funds required for its work. It may also establish joint-stock companies."

## Implement Provisions

"This establishment has been created to implement the economic provisions of the part of the constitution dealing with the fundamental pillars of society. This will bring about harmony between the public economic activity undertaken by the Government and the private economic activity of individuals. This organization will carry out the programme to be approved by the Government in the national planning programme for the first five years as far as private capital is concerned, and will see to the programme's participation in the implementation of the economic promotion plan.—China Mail Special.

## Bonn, Jan. 23.

West Germany's export surplus which rose to almost 2,500 million marks last year, was more than double the 1955 figures, according to the Government's Office of Statistics.

Exports increased to 20,854 million marks in 1956 from 20,717 million marks in 1955 and imports rose to 27,901 million marks from 24,472 million marks.—China Mail Special.

FBI REGISTER  
PUBLISHED  
FOR 1957

"FBI Register of British Manufacturers—1957." 28th Edition. Published November 1956, for the Federation of British Industries by Kelly's Directories Limited, and Iliffe and Sons Limited, Dorset House, Stamford Street, London, SE1. Publication price 42s (post free). Size 9 1/2" x 7 1/2". 1,124 pages. Bound full cloth.

"One essential factor in the increase of Britain's international trade is the dissemination of the widest possible knowledge of the range of British manufactured goods. This is a constant concern of the Federation of British Industries, and the publication of the FBI Register, now in its 28th edition, is one of the ways in which it seeks to help British manufacturers to sell their goods."

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7 OTHER SECTIONS In addition to the Classified Buyers' Guide there are seven other sections in the Register, giving addresses of Companies and Firms, and valuable information about Trade Associations, proprietary names, trade marks, etc. A feature providing a useful reference for buyers not fully conversant with British products is the French, German and Spanish glossaries. These give translations of every product term used in the main buyers' guide, each being numbered for easy reference between the English headings and their translations.

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Singapore  
Stock Market

Singapore, Jan. 24. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	51.00
British Borneo Petroleum	51.00
Syndicate Tin Smelter	51.00
Consolidated Tin Smelter	51.00
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord.	51.00
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Pre.	51.00
Gemina (Malaya) Limited	51.00
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	51.00
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	51.00
Kamasa Ltd.	51.00
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	51.00
Malayan Breweries Ltd.	51.00
New Sandakan Rubber Co. Ltd.	51.00
Petaling Tin Ltd.	51.00
Raffles Hotel	51.00
Singapore Cold Storage	51.00
South British Insurance Co.	51.00
Strait Trading	51.00
Steamship	51.00
United Engineers Ord.	51.00
Weir Bros.	51.00

London Foreign  
Exchange

Closing rates were:

New York	2.05 1/2
Montreal	2.05 1/2
Amsterdam	10.00 3/4
Copenhagen	12.25 1/2
Frankfurt	11.75 1/2
Geneva	11.75 1/2
Stockholm	11.75 1/2
Zurich	11.75 1/2

New York Foreign  
Exchange

Closing rates were:

Canada	1.04 1/2
England	2.05 1/2

HONGKONG  
STOCK  
EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$274,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
GOVT. LOANS			
3 1/2% (1948)	87 1/2		50,000 @ 87 1/2
BANKS			
HSBC			102 1/2
SHIPPING			
WATERLOO	0.70	0.80	100 @ 0.73
DOCKERS ETC.			
R. Wharf	40	40	
President	13.10	13 1/2	100 @ 13.20
LAND ETC.			
HK Hotel	14.00	15	200 @ 15
HK Land	0.11	0.12	
Hope	1.20	1.20	
RENTAL			
RENTAL	1.00	1.00	
UTILITIES			
Yuen Tat	23	23.40	200 @ 23.20
C. Light (O)	23	23.40	100 @ 23.20
Electric	31	31 1/2	100 @ 31.20
Tel. (O)	24.10	24.30	500 @ 24.30
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	30 1/2	30	100 @ 30 1/2
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	15.30	15.40	300 @ 15.40
WATER			
COTTONS			
Nanyang	7.00		

CHICAGO GRAIN  
PRICES

Chicago, Jan. 23. Wheat closed up 1/4 to 3/4 cents; soybeans up 1/4 to 3/4 cent. Prices, all in cents per bushel, were as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, red	Spot	24 1/2-45 1/2
	Mar.	24 1/2-45 1/2
	May	24 1/2-45 1/2
	Sept.	24 1/2-45 1/2
	Nov.	24 1/2-45 1/2
Corn, No. 2, yellow	Spot	130-135
	Mar.	130-135
	May	130-135
	Sept.	130-135
	Nov.	130-135

NEW YORK  
Prices of futures closed today

Spot	30.00
Mar.	30.00
May	30.00
July	30.00
Oct.	30.00
Dec.	30.00
Mar.	30.00
May	30.00
July	30.00
Oct.	30.00
Dec.	30.00

NEW ORLEANS  
Prices of futures closed today

Spot	30.00
Mar.	30.00
May	30.00
July	30.00
Oct.	30.00
Dec.	30.00
Mar.	30.00
May	30.00
July	30.00
Oct.	30.00
Dec.	30.00

LIVERPOOL  
Futures closings, in pence

Old contract	25.25
May/June	25.10

## WINNIPEG GRAIN PRICES

Winnipeg, Jan. 23. Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

Oats	May	77 1/2
	July	77 1/2
Rye	May	137 1/2
	July	137 1/2
Barley	May	104 1/2
	July	104 1/2
Flaxseed	May	308 1/2
	July	308 1/2
Wheat	May	300
	July	300
	Oct.	294 1/2
	Dec.	294 1/2

New York Sugar  
Market

New York, Jan. 23. World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to 8 points lower.


Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 8 to 9 points lower. Activity slackened in both markets as traders awaited raw market developments while they consolidated market positions following the recent series of wide advances and declines.

Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)	Mar.	6.30
	July	6.30-33
	Sept.	6.30-33
	Nov.	6.30-33
	Jan.	6.30-33
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	May	6.30-33
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**JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK**

## The Lost Chords

A S A D saxophonist boarded a tube-train at Knightsbridge. He was sad because his saxophone had been stolen from the band's motorcoach. His loss, the band's loss, the loss to the world of music overwhelmed the bandsman.

Gloomily, the saxophonist regarded his fellow passengers, his eyes grazing without pleasure on the barren features of their faces. Then his heart began to race. For one of his fellow passengers was carrying his own, lost, saxophone.

The situation was almost unbearably delicate. It needed thinking out. The saxophonist thought. The saxophone left the train at Leicester Square. So did its owner.

### THE PURSUIT

UP the long escalator, the instrument was toted. A few yards behind it, the owner followed. Outside the station, happily, was a policeman. "My saxophone..." the saxophonist began, and explained.

Next morning a lean, handsome man named Charles, pleaded guilty at the Clerkwell court to stealing the saxophone.

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davis, asked Charles, who had against him eight previous convictions, mostly for serious kinds of crime.

Charles fumbled urgently in his pockets, trying to find the words he wanted, which he had written on a slip of paper.

"This man," a policeman said, "does have a very bad impediment in his speech." There was warning sympathy in the policeman's tone.

### COMMON SENSE

THE little speech Charles could not make was read in silence by the magistrate. "There's a good deal of common sense in what you've written," Mr. Davis said. "I must admit that. But I don't feel I can deal with this case. You've been a menace to society, and cost much more than you're worth or ever will be worth. You must go to sessions for sentence."

Charles nodded. As though in a bleak, hopeless way, he agreed. Punishment lay ahead. A prison sentence. But not one so savage as that which had robbed him, and perhaps always would, of speech and the precious gift of fellowship speech offers.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 5.30 p.m. Programme for Older Children presented by Elizabeth. 5.50, Stock Market Report; 6. Time Signal, Programme Summary; 6.02, Portuguese Hour; 6.20, V.O.A. Hit Parade; 6.30, Weather Report; 7. Time Signal, The News; 7.00, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 7.15, A Life of Blues (BBC); 7.20, Written by Geoffrey Harrison, Produced by Leonard Bernstein. 7.30, "Quiet Listening" - Hector Chauvin of the Organ; 8. Beginners' Piano; 8.00, The Organ; 8.10, The Organ; 8.20, The Organ; 8.30, Thursday Scrapbook - A magazine entertainment for most ages, in which there is a mixture of a sort, meeting with interesting people, various problems in sound, and all manner of things for your distraction. 8.40, Time Signal, The News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, At the Organ - "The Rake's Progress" (Stravinsky); 9.30, Solists with Igor Stravinsky conducting the Chorus and Orchestra; 9.40, David Rose and his Orchestra; 9.50, Angel Pavement (BBC); 10.00, Priestley, Dramatised by Howard Agg, Part 2 (Broadcast); 10.10, Weather Report; 11. Time Signal, Radio News from 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

### REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3. Romantic Cycles - Selections from the Broadway Musical "Plain and Fancy"; 3.30, Novellette; 4. The Tenderloin; 4.30, Voca. Youngs; 5. Children's Corner - Presented by Auntie Ray; 5.30, Teen Time - Presented by Betty Souza; 6. Tropicans; 6.30, Birthday Mailbag; 6.40, Songs of the 60's; 6.45, The House of Peter McGovern; 7. Time Signal and the News; 7.05, Weather Report, Amusement; 7.10, Interlude; 7.15, Super-White Show; 7.30, Rocking at Rediffusion; 7.40, "Chock-a-blo!" 8. Personality Parade - Petula Clark; 8.15, Capital Show; 8.30, The Lawrence Wright Show; 9. Time Signal, News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Henry Jerome and his Orchestra; 9.30, Dennis Day; 9.40, The Organ; 9.50, Robert Farnon and his Orchestra; 10. Date with Dreams and Illusions; 10.15, Minnie's Midnight; 10.30, "God Save the Queen" - Close Down.

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## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

# Fire Damage Is Estimated At £10 Million

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 16. The talk this week has been mainly of the United Kingdom crisis, of the increasing danger in the Middle East, of the steep freight increases, of drought in many parts of the State and of further bushfires.

Cost of the fire which swept through north-western NSW and southern Queensland last week has now been set by authorities at around the £10 million mark, with 500,000 acres of grazing lands burned out as well as miles and miles of costly dingo-proof fence which stretched along the border between the two states.

The Queensland and NSW governments have already taken swift action to repair the burned out sections of this fence, for graziers fear that dingoes from Queensland will invade the relatively free area of the north-west and attack the sheep.

The Assistant Western Lands Commissioner, Mr. H. C. Spencer, said, "We have a team of competent men to get right on the job as soon as the fire permits."

There is plenty of material ready for instant use to repair the breaks and as we will move almost in the wake of the fire, the entry of dingoes will be reduced to a minimum.

### HE MAKES GOOD

It was on August 7, 1946 that a 12-year-old brown-skinned boy became world news when he arrived at Darwin as an air stewardess.

Working as a cook, on Koepang, he decided on the spur of the moment to go to Darwin, 400 miles away. He hid in the space for one of a Dutch Dakota's retractable landing wheels and was horrified when a spinning tyre reduced to practically nil when the plane became airborne.

The spinning tyre laid bare his shoulder and he fainted. In Darwin, he was just hanging there.

He could not speak one word of English and became known instantly as the "Koepang Kid." His case aroused wide sympathy and as a result of a concerted move by Northern Territory officials and residents the Immigration Department allowed the lad, Mas Wio, to remain in Australia.

The Northern Territory Administrator Driver found a team for him at Government House. For five years he stayed there doing odd jobs around the place. He was eventually adopted by a builder, Norman Ballard, learned to read, write, play various Australian sports and then he took a job.

### A YEAR'S RAIN

An unprecedented deluge in Central Australia has given Tennant Creek more than the usual year's rainfall in a week. The town has had nine inches in the past two days and it's still raining.

Tennant Creek's average rainfall is 14½ inches, but 15 inches have fallen in a week. All the year round people at the "Creek" have to buy water from carters at £3 per 1,000 gallons.

Now they're watching hundreds of thousands of gallons running away.

They put out wash troughs, old tanks, buckets, drums and everything else they could find to catch the water.

All creeks and rivers in the district are flooded.

Tennant Creek itself has overflowed its banks, and two young men had a terrifying few minutes yesterday when their car was washed off a bridge and carried downstream.

The rain has also fallen over wide areas of cattle land. It. Argardarga station on the fringe of the Simpson Desert has had 10 inches in two days. Manager Stephen Calder and his wife, former Overlander's screen star Daphne Campbell, have never seen rain like it.

Every waterhole on their property and most of the surrounding properties is full. Qantas planes have begun what will be 43 trips in trans-

Here are models of two multi-storey private schools which are to be built in Hongkong. The designs have received Government approval. Above is the Pui Ying School at Babington Path, and opposite, the Kei Yan School which will be next to St Paul's Church, Glenaele.

## Two Forgers Sent To Prison

Found guilty of making forged Hongkong Revenue stamps, two unemployed men, Siu Hol, 45, and Ho Cheuk-wan, 39, were sent to five years' hard labour by Judge R. H. Mills-Owens at the Kowloon District Court this morning.

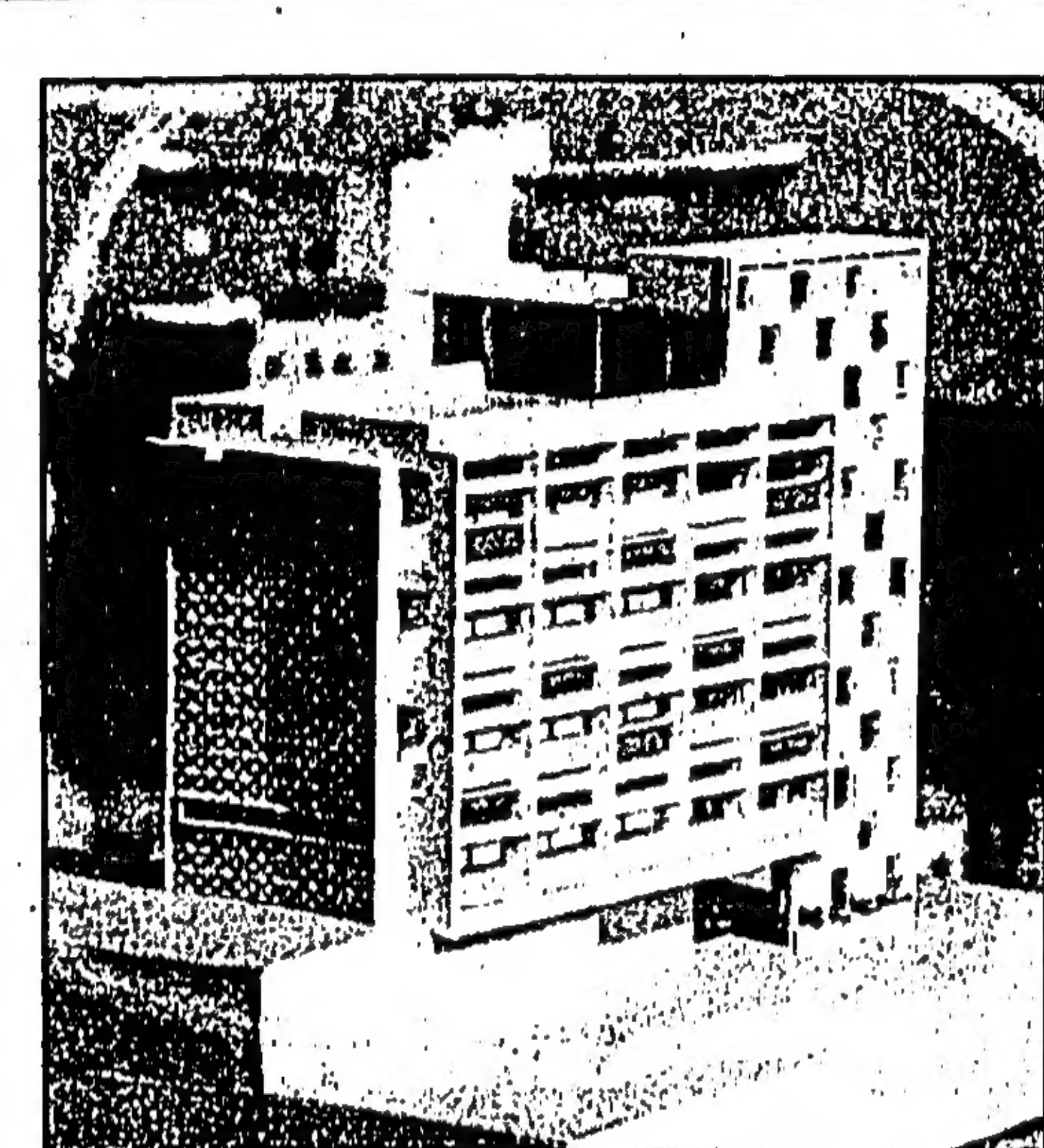
The accused, who were arrested on December 12 last year at 316 Matawani Road, ground floor, were additionally sentenced to three years each for possession of forged stamps and possession of forged dies. The Judge ordered the sentences to run concurrently.

Siu Tong, 33, the brother of Siu Hol, the first accused, was given three years for making forged Hongkong Revenue stamps. Mr. Simon Li, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector T. W. Wheeler, prosecuted.

## Rock-n-Roll At Rediffusion

Sustained interest in the new "races" for "Rock-n-Roll" is reflected in a new series of programmes, titled "Rockin' at Rediffusion," the first of which will be launched tonight at 7.30.

This "Rock-n-Roll" rhythm is provided by Ray and His Rockets. Ray is Ray Cordeiro, Rediffusion script-writer and rhythm man. The "Rockets" are Danny Vieira, Hawaiian Guitar; Rudy Souza, Electric Guitar; Carlos Custodio, Rhythm Guitar; Fernando Vieira, Rhythm Guitar; Shorly Britto, Bass; Ted Sorreal, Drums. Cordeiro is the vocalist.



## ANOTHER NIGHT AT THE BALLET

For the third night in succession, the Lee Theatre was full to see the San Francisco Ballet company of young dancers. The programme was entirely new and contained some interesting presentations.

The first was "Tarot," based on music by Tchaikovsky. Like the Bach "Concerto Barocco" of the first night, this is an abstract conception, with no theme or story; but the characters are taken from a set of medieval playing cards.

The aim of the choreographer and Director, Mr. Lew Christensen, is again to interpret the construction of the music by the movements of the dancers. In this I felt that the result was not so successful as in the "Concerto," except in the last of the four sections, in which each variation was presented cumulatively as it were; first a Pas de Deux, then a Pas de Trois with three dancers, followed by a Five and a Six and a Finale in which all the ends of the pattern were woven together.

The second ballet was of a completely different kind. This was "Renard," set by Mr. Christensen to Stravinsky's music; a purely narrative creation. This story was sung as well as danced.

The dancers wore most realistic costumes, complete with head-dresses and tails, and so efficient was their synchronisation that they appeared to be singing as well as dancing. This was a most amusing and original episode.

The dancing highlight of the evening was the Pas de Deux, "Black Swan," from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," beautifully performed by the two stars, Miss Jocelyn Vollmar and Mr. Leon Danielian. This is pure classical Russian ballet and the dancing was especially notable for the perfection of the steps, the swift multiple pivottings and entrechats, and again the admirable timing and mutual support. Mr. Danielian has nothing languid about him; he is animated by a spark even if he simply walks across the stage.

### OWN CHARACTER

In general, the performance and atmosphere last night were not so exhilarating as on the first night. The youth and freshness of the dancers were still evident, but there were times when they seemed to be out of contact. Nevertheless, the evening brought much enjoyment.

It is now possible to say that this Ballet company has a character of its own. At present it seems to be developing very much on the lines of the classical and Russian ballet, and has little in common with European companies. This is as it should be, for every company of artists should aim at having its own characteristics, and not necessarily to model itself on others.

Mr. Christensen is to be congratulated on producing this fine company of young dancers in his School, and Hongkong is grateful to him and to the Music Society for bringing us these unusual and invigorating occasions. —N.K.

## SIX AND FIVE YEARS FOR WOUNDING

Chan Kui, 36, unemployed, with six previous convictions and Lai Hang, 27, unlicensed hawker, with five previous convictions, were sentenced to six years and five years when they pleaded guilty to wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning. The accused reversed their original plea of not guilty, and their plea of guilty to the charge was accepted by the Crown Counsel, Mr W. S. Collier.

The charge was an alternative count to the substantive charge of wounding with intent to murder. The complainant in the case was Lung Kwan, a stone mason, and the offence was alleged to have been committed at his residence in the Tai Hing housing settlement area on June 17, 1956.

In passing sentence his Lordship said that although the plea of guilty the accused had entered was to the lesser of the two charges in the indictment, the wounding in question was particularly bad. He added that the two men had bad criminal records.

First accused asked the Court not to inflict corporal punishment. He said that at his last trial (in November, 1956) when he was convicted, the Trial Judge had first ordered corporal punishment but the order was later rescinded because of his poor state of health.

### REPENTANCE PLEA

Second accused said that the offence was committed on the spur of the moment "for which I have repented considerably." He said that that repentance should be taken as a redeeming feature, and he asked for a light sentence.

The sentence on the first accused was ordered to be concurrent with the sentence he was at present serving of four years for robbery with aggravation, imposed on him on November 22, 1956.

Det. Insp. D. R. Harris was present in Court for the Police.

## H.E. Visits 3 Welfare Centres

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by Mr F. C. M. Sedgwick, Commissioner of Labour Department, this morning visited three welfare centres.

The first was the Hongkong Tramways Welfare Club in Canal Road East, which was established in 1952. On their arrival at 9.10 a.m., they were received by Mr C. S. Johnston, manager of HK Tramways Ltd., Mr H. F. G. Chauvin, Labour Officer, Labour Department, and Mr H. C. Sell, Welfare Officer of HK Tramways Ltd.

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The Governor then visited the new China Motor Bus Company's staff quarters and welfare centre at Marble Road. The magnificent building was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. E. B. David on September 10 last year.

The Hon. Ngan Shing-kwan, Managing Director of the China Motor Bus Company, welcomed the Governor, who was conducted round the building.

### AT TAIKOO

The last place to be visited was the Tai Koo Chinese welfare centre in Shaukwai where the Governor was met on arrival by Mr F. K. Matkinson, acting Manager of Tai Koo Dockyard and Engineer Co. and Mr Yeung Chuon, Chairman of the welfare club. His Excellency was informed for brief of a \$500 bond, which he signed in 1953. The sentences are to run consecutively.

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### Prison For Causing Fatal Accident

As a result of a traffic accident in which a Chinese was killed, 25-year-old shop fook Lo Sun, of 8 Reclamation Street, was sentenced to six months in prison by Mr J. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning. Defendant pleaded guilty to dangerous driving, driving without third party insurance and driving without the owner's consent.

Sub-Inspector J. P. Wilson, said that on January 22 a report was received at the Traffic Office, Kowloon, concerning an accident in Reclamation Street, in which a lorry was involved. Enquiries revealed that at about 5 o'clock that day a Chinese, Yen Shiu-long, who was the driver of the lorry, lost his vehicle parked on the roadside outside No. 8 Reclamation Street for the purpose of unloading goods.

The driver alighted from his lorry and proceeded to the rear to check his goods. Prior to leaving the vehicle, he had switched off the engine and had applied the hand brake.

### ENGINE STARTS UP

While he was at the rear of the vehicle, he heard the lorry's engine being started up. He immediately went to the front of the vehicle and saw defendant sitting at the wheel. The vehicle then began to move forward. The driver at this stage, attempted to climb into the lorry to force the defendant out of the driving seat and to stop the vehicle. He was unable to do so and the lorry continued to move forward.

### CHINESE CRUSHED

After the accident, the driver got down from the lorry and discovered that a Chinese had been crushed between the lorry and the wall.

He sustained serious injuries from which he later died.

The driver stated that at no time did he give permission to defendant to drive the lorry.

Defendant asked the Court to deal leniently with him on the ground that he accidentally started the engine. He did not mean to drive the lorry and when the vehicle started to move forward, he lost his nerve and the vehicle got out of control.

Defendant was disqualified from holding a driving licence for 12 months.

### Tried To Rob Police Officer

A 32-year-old newspaper vendor, Leung Chung-chi found guilty of attempting to steal a purse belonging to a Sub-Inspector. Sa Hin-li of the Police Reserve was sentenced to 20 months' hard labour by Mr W. F. Pickering at Central Court this morning.

Leung also was given an additional two months' imprisonment for breach of a \$500 bond, which he signed in 1953. The sentences are to run consecutively.

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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You ought to be a big shot in this company, Mr. Slesby—I bet even the boss couldn't do all the newspaper crosswords you work in one day!"

### Today's Lecture

Professor E. S. Kirby, who recently returned from Taiwan, will give a lecture entitled "The Economy of Taiwan at the Chemistry Theatre, Hong Kong University, today at 6.30 p.m. and not tomorrow as stated in this morning's paper."